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AMERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE

FRENCH PREMIER MAKES PROMISES ON REPARATIONS

Assures Chamber of Deputies That No Question of France Abandoning Guarantees Was Raised in London Conversations—No Such Proposal Made by Mr. Lloyd George.

FRANCE HAS NOT BEEN ASKED TO MAKE SLIGHTEST SACRIFICE

PARIS, Dec. 24.—"There was no question at the London discussions of France abandoning the guarantees given by the Versailles treaty for the payment of reparations by Germany," Premier Briand declared in the Chamber this afternoon, replying to an interpellation by Louis Klotz, the former Minister of Finance.

"Mr. Lloyd George at no moment suggested that in the forthcoming conference France should be asked to make the slightest sacrifice. The entente between France and Great Britain was as complete and as strong as possible."

M. Klotz had expressed the fear that the London conversations had compromised the rights of France, that the result would of necessity further increase the tax burden of the French people, while the Reichstag was decreasing the taxes of the Germans, which were already less than half the taxes paid by the French.

"I cannot think of decreasing our taxes," M. Briand said, "but we must avoid further increasing them, and that is one of the things we are going to do at Cannes."

The acute situation was the outcome of deplorable economic conditions, according to the Premier, and it was impossible for Europe to recover her equilibrium under such circumstances.

ROTARIANS WORK THROUGH NIGHT

Christmas Fund Reaches \$9,266, but Last-Minute Demands Require Increased Giving for City Poor

Last night the Rotary Club's Santa Claus Fund had a grand total of \$9,266.04 in cash. This does not include such gifts of produce, food and clothing as have been received, and therefore, if these things are counted, the fund is very nearly the total of \$10,000 aimed at. It is urged by the committee in charge, however, that the amount will not meet all the needs of the people who are asking for help and who deserve it, and the fund will be kept open until a day night next so as to give all a further chance of sending their gift in to help the good work along.

Scrap for goods to the value of over \$7,000 has been sent out by the committee to families in need of Christmas cheer in all parts of Victoria, and the help given includes fuel, clothing and food.

It is the intention of the Rotary Club to hold a Christmas tree next week in the Pentagon Theatre, and they will make this a joyous time for the kiddies if the funds are sent in to enable them to do so. Last-minute demands upon the fund have been so numerous that more money is urgently needed in order to make sure that every need is supplied.

Work All Night

The Rotarians put in a whole night of work filling the envelopes and mailing them to the homes where they were to be sent, and it was not till 5 o'clock in the morning that their task was completed. Many of the scrip orders sent out were for boots, as the committee has been asked for these more often than for any other thing.

None of the money will have been wasted, as in every case where help has been sent a thorough investigation has been made, and only families really in need have been assisted. The list of names to be investigated which was handed in today will mean a greatly increased demand on the fund and additional gifts are needed.

Today there will be in nearly every home where the parents are well enough off, a time of rejoicing over well-filled stockings and welcome Christmas presents, but there are hundreds of homes in this city where there will be no Christmas dinner, no well-filled stockings for the kiddies, but only sadness and disappointment. This can all be changed, and will be changed before the week is gone, if the people of Victoria will come to the rescue with a still more generous supply of funds for the members of the Rotary Club to distribute.

The committee is anxious to complete its aim of some more necessities.

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Colonel Butcher Dying

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Word was received today from Niagara-on-the-Lake that Lieutenant-Colonel W. R. Butcher is dying. Lieutenant-Colonel Butcher is one of the best-known of Canada's soldiers, having risen from the ranks in the service of the "Regiment."

Colonist Will Not Publish Tuesday

Tomorrow's public holiday will be observed by members of The Colonist staff, and there will be no issue of this newspaper on Tuesday morning.

WATER TURNED INTO CANAL AT CHIPPEWA

NIAGARA FALLS, Dec. 24.—Water was turned into the Chippewa-Queenston power canal of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission at four o'clock this morning. The development of power at the Queenston generating plant will begin next Wednesday.

Representatives of the Canadian and American sides will attend the ceremonies that will mark the opening of the Dominion's greatest power plant.

Construction work has been in progress on the power project since 1914.

PRISONERS FAIL TO GET RETRIAL

Motion Offered on Behalf of Sacco and Vanzetti, Convicted on Murder Charge, Denied by Court

DEDHAM, Mass., Dec. 24.—Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, convicted of the murder of a paymaster and his guard at South Braintree in September, 1920, lost the first skirmish in their fight to set aside the verdict when Judge Webster Thayer, in the criminal court here today, denied two of the pending motions for a new trial.

Certain questions raised on points of law as to insufficient evidence, the court ruled, did not warrant a retrial. The case has attracted wide attention and has been the subject of racial demonstrations in Europe, South America and Mexico. Counsel for the convicted men have granted permission to file exceptions to the decision, and signified that they were ready to take the case to the Supreme Court. The decision on Thursday, December 23, in the criminal court here today, denied two of the pending motions for a new trial based on alleged improprieties in the jury room. This motion was taken under advisement by the court and remains to be disposed of.

Both men were conducted from the jail to the courtroom under heavy guard. Only a few persons listened to the proceedings in the courtroom. The decision on Thursday, December 23, in the criminal court here today, denied two of the pending motions for a new trial based on alleged improprieties in the jury room. This motion was taken under advisement by the court and remains to be disposed of.

GERMAN REPARATIONS

"The best conditions under which we could bring about payment by Germany were then considered in this atmosphere," continued the Premier.

"France could not agree to any sacrifice of the reparations due her from Germany, and in case Germany failed to pay, she would obtain others. There is no question of wrecking the Treaty of Versailles, as certain German statesmen have been hoping. The anxiety which has been manifesting regarding the surrender of France of her guarantees is entirely without reason—absolutely wrong."

M. Klotz, having changed the interpellation to the form of a simple question, Premier Briand's explanation closed the debate on that subject.

EUGENE V. DEBBS GETS LIBERTY

His Ten-Year Sentence Commuted to Expire Today—Will Go to His Home for Christmas Reunion

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—Eugene V. Debbs was formally notified today that his ten-year sentence had been commuted, to expire tomorrow, and so far as could be learned received the tidings calmly, reserving any comment he might care to make until he is actually outside the walls of the Atlanta federal penitentiary.

Detailed instructions as to the hour of release had not been received at the prison tonight, but, following ordinary procedure, the Socialist leader will be allowed to leave tomorrow at any time suitable to him.

All arrangements for departure for his home in Terre Haute, Ind., for a Christmas reunion with his wife and family have been made by Theodore Debs, brother of the prisoner, and David Karsten, a Socialist leader of New York, both of whom have been here for several days. His plans for the future are to be made after arrival home, his friends said.

The Government will provide transportation, \$5 in cash and a complete outfit of civilian clothes, which Mr. Debs may wear if he desires. He has his choice between a dark blue and a brown suit, but the other garments are uniform and include a felt hat.

SOVIET ASSISTS IN RELIEF WORK

Turns Over \$10,000,000 in Gold to American Organization for Purchase of Foodstuffs and Seed

ARRANGEMENT MADE WITH LEONID KRASSIN

Supposed Result of Secretary Hoover's Statement Regarding Necessity of Co-operation From Russia in Relief

LONDON, Dec. 24.—As a result of negotiations here between representatives of the American Relief Administration and Leonid Krassin, Russian soviet trade representative, the soviet government has agreed to turn over to the relief organization \$10,000,000 in gold, to be used by the administration for the purchase of foodstuffs and seed in America for relief in the Volga famine area.

The \$10,000,000 which is to be obtained from the soviet government is estimated here to be all that is left of the gold the soviet obtained from the imperial treasury.

The promise of Russian financial co-operation in the relief was obtained according to Walter Lyman Brown, European director of the American Relief Administration, following Herbert Hoover's recent statement that American charity could be expected to continue only if every effort possible was made by the soviet government to the relief of the famine in the Volga area.

Mr. Brown put the proposition up to Mr. Krassin, who today replied that the soviet authorities had agreed to the principle of co-operation, but as had been outlined by Mr. Hoover.

JAPANESE DIET OPENS SESSION

Reduction in Military Expenditure Will Be Prominent Question—No More Concessions to China Intended

TOKIO, Dec. 24.—The Diet opened today, and formal opening ceremonies will be held Monday.

Reduction of the army by one-half and the cutting down of the period of military service from two years to one will be part of the programme for the Diet, to which the Prime Minister, the Kokuminto, or National Liberty party.

The needs of empire and the people, said Takekoshi Inukai, leader of the party, today, demanded the reduction of the army, and industry, to which the youth of the country can be more profitably employed.

From an influential official source it was repeated today that the Government will make no further concessions to China with regard to Shantung. The leading vernacular newspaper credits the Foreign Office with authorizing the statement that Japan is determined to oppose the discussion of Japan's 21 demands on China, as proposed by the Far East committee of the Washington conference.

MEIGHEN CABINET HOLDS LAST MEETING

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—What probably will prove to be the last meeting of the Meighen Cabinet was held at noon today for the disposal of outstanding routine. Subsequently the Prime Minister had an audience with the Governor-General.

The conference between W. L. Mackenzie King, Premier-Elect, and Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the Progressive party, which was begun this forenoon, was still under way this afternoon.

Sir Lomar Gouin, who has been in attendance at the conference, left for Montreal this afternoon.

Among the arrivals this morning is Jacques Bureau, Liberal member for Three Rivers.

B.C.E.R. EMPLOYEES REJECT WAGE AWARD

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—The employees of the B.C. Electric have voted decisively against accepting the award of the arbitrators who recently recommended a reduction of wages of approximately 10 per cent.

The counting of the ballots was finished this morning. There were 311 in favor of acceptance and 1,039 against.

Prince Rupert Mayorality

PRINCE RUPERT, Dec. 24.—Col. R. P. McMorris, police magistrate, is to run for mayor, it is announced. He will resign as magistrate Jan. 1.

CONFERENCE MEETS IMMOVABLE BLOCK IN SUBMARINE WAY

OREGON LEGISLATURE PASSES FAIR BILLS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 24.—After a Parliamentary contest covering the past three days, the Oregon Legislature passed the constitutional amendment authorizing the Oregon 1925 exposition and gasoline revenue bill and adjourned late today.

Under the terms of the latter measure \$1,000,000 will be raised for the fair by a tax on gasoline. The increased tax on motor fuel is so proportioned in the revenue bill that the state highway programme will not be interfered with.

SUBBURY POLICEMEN CHARGED WITH THEFT

SUBBURY, Dec. 24.—Seven local police officers and four firemen were arraigned in the police court yesterday, charged with theft of various articles from a store on November 14, after a fire which gutted the premises.

Offenders who had stolen goods valued at \$10 were released on suspended sentence, those guilty of theft of goods valued at more than \$100 were fined \$50 and costs with an alternative of three months' hard labor.

HEAVY RAINFALL CAUSES FLOODS

Hocking Valley Section of Ohio Suffers From Worst Visitation Since 1907—Colder Weather Promises Relief

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 24.—While a decided fall in temperature late this afternoon halted the almost continuous rainfall during the last twenty-four hours, probably removing a threatened general flood menace, the Hocking Valley section tonight reported the worst flood since 1907.

From Athens reports tonight were that hundreds of families have been forced from their homes in the valley between Logan and Hockingport, and that half a dozen villages were experiencing the worst flood in almost a decade. Still higher water tomorrow is expected.

No loss of life has been reported. Lancaster reported the high mark of the 1913 flood passed, and many families driven from their homes in that vicinity.

While the waters of the Ohio are not expected to reach flood crest at most Ohio points until tomorrow or Monday, no serious flood stage is anticipated.

Wild Storm in South Takes Toll of Lives

Forty-Four Dead and Over Hundred Injured in Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana, at Latest Reports—Property Damage Placed at About Million Dollars

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Twenty-five dead, scores injured and huge property damage was the toll of a storm which struck Eastern Arkansas last night and tore through upper Mississippi and Louisiana during the early hours of today, according to incomplete information from the devastated areas tonight. Wires are down, and virtually all communication with the storm area is shut off. The village of Spencer, Union Parish, La., about 15 miles from Monroe, was almost entirely levelled, with a loss, it is reported, of seven lives.

The home of E. L. Spain on Bayou Bartholomew, four miles north of Bastrop, was completely demolished. Mrs. Mary Spain, wife of E. L. Spain, manager of the Tidwell plantation, on which the house stood, and six negroes, were killed. Twenty-five were reported injured in that neighborhood.

Three negroes were killed and more than a score injured when the storm struck two plantations near Greenwood, Miss., early today. Wm. Turner, well-known planter, and four negroes were also killed on a plantation near Marks, Miss.

The storm is reported to have started in Crittenden County, Ark., late yesterday, where about a dozen farming settlements were damaged. Payne Harrison and eight negroes were reported killed in that county when a store in which fifty negro farm hands had taken refuge from the storm collapsed.

A special relief train was sent from Monroe today to Spencer with a number of doctors and nurses equipped with hospital supplies. No reports

American Effort to Effect Compromise Proves Unsuccessful—Japan Refuses to Accept Suggestion for Reduction, and French Delegates Await Instructions From Paris

U. S. PROPOSES TO LOWER THE LIMIT

Would Give Great Britain and America 60,000 Tons Each and Virtually Present Tonnage for Other Powers—France Objects to Parity With Italy—Matter Undecided

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—An American effort to compromise the submarine controversy failed of immediate success today in the arms conference naval committee, when Japan refused to accept a suggested reduction of her submarines to 31,000 tons and French action was deferred pending advices from Paris.

When the committee adjourned after four hours' debate, to meet again next Tuesday, some members of the American group appeared discouraged over the prospect for an early agreement on submarines, although negotiations are to continue.

The American compromise plan, presented after the British effort for complete suppression of submarines had been shelved, proposed 60,000-ton limitation for Great Britain and the United States, instead of the original American figure of 90,000 tons each, and virtually a status quo for the other three powers.

The British delegation, failing to obtain favorable action on suppression of submarines, accepted the new American reduction scheme. The French group indicated that it would be unacceptable, but deferred full answer pending Paris advices. Japan flatly held out for the full 54,000 tons in submarines under the original American 5-5-3 ratio plan.

Italy accepted the compromise plan, conditioned on a submarine tonnage parity with France, the Italian delegates contending that 31,500 tons would be the correct limitation for both France and Italy.

The French delegation indicated that it not only opposed parity with Italy in submarines as well as capital ships, but withheld approval of any tonnage limitation of less than the 90,000-ton figure suggested by French experts. Under a status quo, France would have about 42,000 tons in submarines.

United States View

The American group made it plain that while it had great sympathy for the British viewpoint in opposing all submarine warfare, it was inclined to agree with the American advisory committee that submarines were a legitimate weapon. It was said the matter had been discussed with President Harding, and that the willingness of the American Government to proceed at some future date toward an international discussion of submarine warfare on a wider basis than the present conference had been indicated.

It was also indicated that the American delegation would bring into the conference later a resolution condemning in formal fashion for the five powers such use of submarines as was made by Germany during the world war.

Mr. Balfour's Plan

Before the British proposal was made, which was done tactfully and without comment or formal action, Mr. Arthur J. Balfour made a final plea for the British case against underwater craft. At the same time he placed formally on the records of the conference a concise statement of British views on this point, and urged that a world conference be called later to take up the question.

To induce agreement, the American delegation again offered, as in the capital ship proposal, to make the greatest sacrifice in tonnage. American figures show a present submarine strength of 95,000 tons for the United States, and 82,000 tons for Great Britain.

Under the compromise plan the United States thus would scrap 35,000 tons, and the British 22,000. The effect of the American-British agreement today, had it been ratified by the other three powers, would have been a net reduction of nearly 60,000 tons in the world's submarine tonnage.

Aim of Compromise

The American compromise plan appeared to have been aimed at meeting halfway the desires of each power in submarine tonnage limitation. It was an attempt to solve the controversy that had arisen in the naval committee, with Great Britain and France in direct opposition in their views as to the importance of submarines in warfare.

The British desire to reduce submarine tonnage would have been met in a large degree on the one hand. Under the American plan, while on the other the French desire to increase submarine tonnage and the French submarine ratio, as compared with Great Britain and America, also would have been met in approximately the same degree.

The action of Japan in refusing to accept the line of the 5-5-3 ratio suggested a wholly new element into the controversy, and that end (Continued on Page 11)

STATE GUARDS BRING ORDER AT NEWPORT, KY.

NEWPORT, Ky., Dec. 24.—Within a few hours after five companies of Kentucky National Guardsmen arrived in Newport on the orders of Governor Morrow, and had established military rule around the Newport rolling mill, where industrial disorders have been rife for ten days, indications were that acts of lawlessness had ended for the present.

Early in the day the military were met with hoots and jeers. As the men proceeded into the mill several shots were fired from the outside, but after a machine gun had been set up under orders of Major Dillan, quiet was restored and the gun placed inside the plant.

The state troops disarmed the sixty-two plant guards inside the walls, inventoried all arms and ammunition, and issued a statement to the public promising protection for all peacefully inclined persons.

In Readiness for Egypt

MALTA, Dec. 24.—Two British regiments here, it is said, are being held in readiness to proceed to Egypt.

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TONOPAH, Nev., Dec. 24.—Three men lost their lives and ten were seriously injured in a fire last night which destroyed the Belmont Mining Company boarding house, known to mining men as the "Big Ship." Workmen are exploring the ruins to learn if others may have been killed also.

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ESKIMO SPENDS DARK CHRISTMAS

White Man's Joyous Season
Finds Far North People
Wrapped in Cold and Gloom
—Summer Their Good Time

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—On the hunt for Christmas stories, a Canadian Press correspondent asked a Eskimo and gold official how the Eskimo spends the day.

"Of all the human family on the North American Continent," he replied, "the Eskimo is perhaps the only member who fails to find on Christmas Day an increase in the happiness and good cheer of life."

"It is in the Summer," he continued, "that the Eskimo hangs together and make for the coast, where fish or seals are said to be plentiful. Here, during the Summer months they live socially side by side in little igloos or villages, do-operate with each other to increase their catch, recount to each other the simple incidents of the lower Winter, and fortify themselves for the return to solitude."

"When the Winter approaches they once again separate into families, or groups of three or four, and disappear in various directions to do a little hunting and eke out a somewhat uncertain living obtained on the dusky frozen plains. Thus, when Christmas arrives it finds them far from any centre of population, the day of the month forgotten, but one great anticipation in their hearts—the return of the sun and warm weather. While game found and killed occasionally keeps the small number in good spirits, a larger number might find the quantity insufficient to live upon."

"Thus only when they chance to find themselves in the neighborhood of a trading station or a religious mission do the joys of the white man's Christmas come to form part of their very unsophisticated life."

PROGRESS MADE IN AIR SERVICES

British Ministry Reviews Accomplishments Along Line of Civil Aviation—Passengers and Goods Carried

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Reporting progress in civil aviation, the ministry states that in the half of the year ended September 30, British airplanes flew 321,000 miles and carried 22,000 passengers with tons of goods and 43,000 outward letters. The air imports were \$206,000 and exports \$110,000.

The treasury has agreed to provide £200,000 annually for the next two years to assist British firms in operating cross-channel services with British machines and engines. As regards the Dominions, the report records the Canadian allocation for civil aviation and the amount of work done.

Australia allocated £100,000 for 1920-21 in aid of civil aviation, of which £54,000 is being expended to subsidize three routes. The contractors are required to reserve accommodation for one hundred pounds of mail.

The report says that it is realized that wartime would possibly add to Australia's air force a considerable personnel as well as a quantity of material, hence under the defence bill the permanent portion of the force will be small and consist mainly of members of a citizen force.

The Australian air council has al-

STARTS ENGINES IN SEVERE COLD

Prof. Robb, of Alberta University, Working With Air Board, Evolves Motor Method of Great Importance

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—When Sir Ernest Shackleton, the famous explorer, starts the engines of his motor sleds and boats with comparative ease in the deadly cold of the Antarctic regions, it will be because of the genius and persistence of Professor Robb, of the University of Alberta, and the members of the Associated Aero Research Committee of the Canadian Air Board.

Acting with the board officials, Professor Robb has perfected an ether preparation, the use of which permits the ready starting of motor engines at 27 degrees below zero. The formula for the preparation, together with Christmas greetings and best wishes, have been mailed to Sir Ernest Shackleton, who is now on his way south to the Antarctic ice fields.

Describing the discovery of the successful formula, Colonel R. W. Stedman, technical director of the Canadian Air Board, said that Canada was the only country supporting modern air force facilities where such an experiment could have been brought to a successful conclusion. Engine experts in other countries were hindered in developing ideas along this line by climatic conditions. When the necessity for starting airplane engines in intense cold became apparent, Air Board officials turned the problem over to Professor Robb, of the University of Alberta, who, after two years of experiment, had crowned his efforts with success.

Professor Robb's method and the exact formula have not been made public, but Colonel Stedman states that in order to insure the engine used in the experiments being sufficiently cold, it was left outdoors all night. Professor Robb's efforts to start it being confined to the early hours of the morning.

The possibility of Canadian Air Board planes being compelled to land through engine trouble in the northern wastes, or, in fact, anywhere in Canada, during the Winter months, first brought home the necessity of just such a preparation as that described by Professor Robb. Formerly it was practically impossible to again start the engine when airplanes were compelled to land away from their bases in Winter. Now, however, military as well as civil airmen engaged in exploration or other work for Government departments will be able to fly in Winter without fear of the consequences through stalled engines.

The application of this preparation to ordinary motor engines, automobiles and trucks is considered only a matter of time, and will be the means of overcoming one of the chief difficulties of Winter motoring.

With the advent of power to start engines at 27 degrees below zero, motorists who may have to spend a great deal of time warming their engines at the expense of their electric batteries will not only enjoy far greater comfort, but will be under a great deal less expense. The importance of the discovery to business men operating trucks on a large scale can hardly be estimated.

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WEATHER REPORT FOR CHRISTMAS

Great Variety Throughout Dominion Indicated by Forecasts—Mostly Cold and Clear in B.C. Interior

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—The Canadian Press has gathered the following Christmas weather reports, indicating for the Dominion great variety between coast and coast:

Halifax—Mild; slushy; no sleighing. Montreal—Mild; overcast; prospect of more snow; sleighing good. Kingston—Snow, but drifts; sleighing bad, skating good.

Toronto—A white Christmas; sleighing in some districts; moderately cold. Hamilton—Cloudy; mild and light snow.

London—Mild and snowy. Sault Ste Marie—Very cold; good sleighing. White River—Fairly cold.

Ottawa—Mild, with prospect colder; more snow; sleighing good. Charlottetown—Mild; dry but cloudy.

St. John—Snowing; good sleighing; 22 above zero. Fredericton—Overcast; milder; some snow, but not good enough for sleighing.

Quebec—Overcast; mild; good sleighing, skating, skiing and curling. Three Rivers—Clear; mild; good sleighing, curling and skating.

Port Arthur—Port William—Clear; cold; good sleighing. Winnipeg—Clear; cold; sleighing. Prince Albert—Clear; cold; sleighing.

Regina—Clear; cold; some snow. Moose Jaw—Clear; cold; fair sleighing. Saskatoon—Clear; cold; sleighing. Calgary—Clear; cold; little snow.

Lethbridge—Clear; cold; fine sleighing. Nelson—Clear; cold; sleighing. Kamloops—Cold; clear; some snow.

Vancouver—Mild; green Christmas; pastures. Victoria—Mild; unsettled; green pastures.

Prince Rupert—Mild; clear. Penticton—Clear; cold; some snow.

German Rifles Seized

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Nine thousand hunting rifles, valued at seven million marks, said to have been purchased by an American, were confiscated at Munich by the Entente disarmament commission on the arrival of the rifles from Holland. It was stated that the American, whose name has not been given, intends to demand the property through the American consular authorities.

For Relief in Ireland

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—Pope Benedict has added 22,314 lire to the sum of \$21,444 which Archbishop Keane, of Dubuque, Iowa, recently sent to the Pontiff for relief of distress in Ireland.

STUDENTS RIOT IN CAIRO SUBURB

Raid Government Survey Offices and Are Dispersed by Troops—Trouble Caused by Zagloul's Removal

CAIRO, Dec. 24.—Disorders in connection with the Egyptian National agitation broke out today in Ghazeh, a suburb of Cairo, when a party of students raided the Government survey offices. British troops were rushed from Cairo to cope with the disturbance. The students were ultimately routed. The native losses were given in the early reports as five killed and twenty wounded.

While the disorders were proceeding in Ghazeh, itself remained quiet and no disturbances from the provinces were reported with the exception of minor troubles at Tanta, 50 miles northwest of Cairo.

The authorities conveyed to Suva today six followers of Said Zagloul Pasha, the Nationalist leader, forcibly removed from the city yesterday, whom Field-Marshal Allenby, the British high commissioner in Egypt, had ordered expelled from Cairo.

Schools in Cairo have been closed, and students are endeavoring to bring out Government officials, many of whom have gone on strike. The military frustrated attempts by the students to set fire to Government property.

Many followers of Zagloul today condemned the acts of destruction which attended his removal, from the city yesterday, and they exhorted the nation to remain calm.

All the Nationalists who have been arrested will remain at Suva, under military control pending a decision as to their ultimate destination.

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"No person shall enter or attempt to enter any aircraft in flight, or leave or attempt to leave any aircraft in flight, except for the purpose of making a parachute descent, or give upon any aircraft in flight any symmetrical or like exhibition."

Constable Corley Acquitted

ESTEVAN, Sask., Dec. 24.—Constable Martin A. Corley, R.C.M.P., was acquitted by Judge Wylie in the District Court here yesterday on a charge of shooting and causing bodily harm to Emory F. Lingie, of Grand Forks, N.D., September 29, at Gainsborough, Sask.

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**MEASURES TO CURB
SWINDLING BROKERS**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The New York Stock Exchange is extending its campaign against irresponsible and unscrupulous brokers in various parts of the United States. It was

learned today that several members had been ordered to discontinue private wire connections with a number of non-member correspondents.

This action follows refusal of the non-member correspondents to furnish representatives of the Stock Exchange with certain information which the Exchange demanded.

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BRITISH PRESS BACKS LORD LEE

Comments Offered on Proposal
to Abolish Submarine as In-
strument of War—Effective
Disarmament

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Presentation to the Washington conference of Great Britain's plea for abolition of the submarine as a naval weapon has aroused the greatest interest here. The newspapers comment at length upon the speech of Lord Lee, First Lord of the Admiralty, before the conference on Thursday, in which he made the proposal and outlined the reasons prompting it.

General opinion undoubtedly favors abolition, and there are many regrets that there seems to be no prospect of its being brought about, but there is some skepticism regarding the possibility of preventing the use of submarines even if the conference adopted Lord Lee's proposals.

Voicing this doubt, The Morning Post, disclaims the suggestion that the powers represented at Washington would break their pledge to abolish naval undersea craft if they gave it, but points out that there are other nations not represented in the conference; moreover, in the stress of war all rules and restrictions for the government and conduct of battle are overlooked by the law of necessity, and we may regret the refusal of the present conference to agree to abolition of the submarine because no such prohibition could be effected.

The newspaper argues that the developments at Washington point to the necessity of Great Britain maintaining an adequate force of cruisers and small craft for the protection of her commerce against submarines.

The Daily Mail declares that the toleration of submarine warfare will compel powers dependent upon their sea communications for sustenance to arm their merchantmen, with unhappy and undesirable consequences.

The Times, which thinks Lord Lee's the British point of view, deprecates attaching excessive importance to any defeat of the British proposal, and adds: "We must face the facts as they are."

The Westminster Gazette is suspicious of France, and says her attitude regarding the proportion in which submarines are to be retained depends largely upon her success in asserting her claims for German reparation. "A high diplomatic game is being played in cross-cross between London, Paris and Washington," says The Gazette. "The Americans doubtless are aware of this, and we may not, in the end, find ourselves quite so isolated on this subject as it appears at present."

The Daily Chronicle believes that if Lord Lee's argument that submarines are valueless except for attacking merchant ships, and contemptuously refers to the "world's refusal to deprive itself of the blessed privilege of building submarines."

The Daily News thinks it entirely true that abolition of submarines would be a greater contribution to the cause of humanity than the limitation of capital ships, and contemptuously refers to the "world's refusal to deprive itself of the blessed privilege of building submarines."

**ALLEGED BOLSHEVIK
PLOT AT LETHBRIDGE**

LETHBRIDGE, Dec. 24.—Telling of a Bolshevik plot to kill Mayor Hardie and start a reign of terror in Lethbridge, an anonymous letter, written in Russian, reached the city police today. Skincovitch, a Russian miner, is given as the name of the ringleader of the ring of five who are threatening the city's chief magistrate, because, they say, the mayor went to a meeting in the miners' hall and complained that the miners did not donate for relief, and the "world" would be better off without them.

In the letter it is stated that two brothers, Mike and Pete Skincovitch, knifed one Vassil Dutchuk for the reason that his father is mayor of a Russian village, and true enough, Dutchuk is in the hospital with knife wounds received in a brawl in the foreign quarter.

As a result of the information contained in the letter, the Skincovitch brothers have been arrested. Their shack has been searched, and a large amount of Bolshevik literature seized. They are lying in jail awaiting preliminary hearing.

In the anonymous letter it stated that "their partner, Sam Ika, who had the Bolshevik literature given to Skincovitch, is in Winnipeg, arrested and sentenced to five years."

Freed for Christmas Season

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The gates of Ellis Island swung open late yesterday, freeing more than 1,000 aliens, detained under the immigration quota, so that they might spend Christmas with friends and relatives in various parts of the United States. They will be at liberty for ninety days under an order issued, but must return at the end of that time for deportation.

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(Adv.)

INDUSTRIAL CREDITS PLANNED AT WINNIPEG

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—A system of industrial credits, similar to the rural credits scheme, will be put into operation early in the new year by the Winnipeg traders and labor council. It became known today.

The proposal, which is only in a tentative form, will be to lend money to small industrial concerns, such as storekeepers, small merchants, small manufacturers and tradesmen, either in business or wishing to engage in business on their own account. Security will be required in every case.

Administration of the plan will follow closely the procedure surrounding the rural credits scheme. It is estimated that \$5,000,000 will be needed to finance the undertaking, and this will be raised by means of a loan. The province will be asked to guarantee the bonds. The money will be lent at a slightly higher rate of interest than it costs to provide for administration expenses.

**BUFFALO MEAT
IS IN PROSPECT**

Canada's Herds Increase So
Rapidly That Surplus May
Be Disposed of—Cross With
Domestic Cattle

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—A joint of buffalo for the Canadian Christmas dinner may soon become as typical of the feast as turkey and roast beef have been for so long. Buffaloes in the Canadian national parks are increasing so rapidly that there is every prospect that they will soon be on the market for food. Quite evidently the Canadian Government made an excellent bargain when it purchased the herd from Michael Pablo, of Montana, in 1907.

Various schemes are being tried out for using up the surplus. At Saskatoon the University of Saskatchewan is experimenting with a scheme for domesticating the buffalo. Another scheme, according to the officials of the Dominion parks boards, seeks to bring about a suitable farm animal by crossing with domestic cattle.

Herefords and Poll Angus breeds have been used, and the resulting species have been named Cattalo. Photographs in possession of the parks branch show a shaggy, powerfully-built animal with a white face. The beard and hump are much in evidence, and the cattalo is much heavier than its ancestors on the tamer side. The object of the experiment is to produce an animal which will combine the hardiness of the buffalo to rustle outdoors for its food in the winter with the more sober habits of the domestic cow.

Last winter cattalo and buffalo were subjected to a test of taste by a number of Ottawa people. Out of 25, the records show that 18 of the samplers gave it as their opinion that the meat of the cattalo was superior to that of the domestic beef.

**BANK PRESIDENT
ISSUES LETTER**

Sir Montagu Allan Explains
Situation in Regard to Merchants Bank—Serious Impairment of Rest Fund

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—In a letter now being issued by Sir Montagu Allan, president of the Merchants Bank of Canada, calling a special general meeting of shareholders of the bank for February 8 next to consider the proposed agreement between the Merchants Bank of Canada and the Bank of Montreal, it is stated that the report of H. B. Macdonald, general manager of the Royal Trust Company, called in to examine the affairs of the bank, showed that the "rest" account was impaired to the amount of about \$8,000,000, which means that it will have to be reduced by that amount from the amount of \$2,000,000, at which it normally stood.

The decision, says Sir Montagu, was accordingly arrived at "that it would not be in the interest of the shareholders and of the public generally throughout Canada to continue carrying on business in our crippled condition, and that the best arrangement possible in the interest of our shareholders should be made in order to save them from the danger of being called upon to pay the double liability of their shares."

A committee of directors was therefore named to negotiate "with such banks as they deemed advisable."

Sir Montagu then reviews the offer of the Bank of Montreal to assume all the liabilities of the Merchants Bank for a price and consideration of a cash payment of \$1,050,000, together with a payment of a block of Bank of Montreal stock which would represent one share of that stock for every two shares of the Merchants Bank of Canada. The president says in this connection "that your directors have unanimously decided to recommend to the shareholders the acceptance of the Bank of Montreal's offer."

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Formal notice of a special general meeting of shareholders of the Merchants Bank of Canada at Montreal on February 8 appears in The Canada Gazette.

The meeting is for the purpose of considering and approving an agreement between the Merchants Bank and the Bank of Montreal providing for the sale by the Merchants Bank to the Bank of Montreal of the undertakings, assets and rights of the Merchants Bank.

French Senate Wants Economy

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Senate Finance Committee has taken the initiative in a move toward economy by cutting \$80,000,000 francs from the appropriations passed by the Chamber of Deputies for 1922. The Senate is likely to approve the Finance Committee's report, which would provide an income between the upper and lower bodies of Parliament.

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**VLADIVOSTOK LOAN
SECURED IN JAPAN**

TOKIO, Dec. 24.—A group of Osaka bankers has loaned five million yen to the Vladivostok government, secured by goods stored in forty warehouses that are controlled by the government.

The money is to be advanced against shipments of yarn, woolen goods, steel and rice to Japan to be marketed here and abroad.

The enterprise, which was negotiated by private individuals, was consummated without the knowledge of the Japanese Foreign Office.

**ACCUSED OF USING
FALSE PRETEXTS**

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., Dec. 24.—When W. A. Taylor appeared in police court yesterday on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences, a correspondence was produced which indicated that he had been corresponding with a Vancouver man "with a view to matrimony."

Under the name of May Parker, he obtained \$225 from his victim to pay insurance policies and railway fares to Vancouver, where the wedding was to take place before Christmas. All the correspondence is in Taylor's handwriting, and it calls for payment of the money to W. A. Taylor, from whom the fictitious Miss Parker is supposed previously to have borrowed it.

Taylor was remanded to permit of further investigation. He pleaded guilty.

**FIELD MARSHAL HAIG
AIDING SERVICE MEN**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Field-Marshal Earl Haig, who is devoting himself wholeheartedly to the cause of ex-service men, has issued a Christmas message to the men of all ranks who served under him in France, appealing to all to join the "Three Hundredth Remembrance League."

A calendar accompanies the message with Sundays and holidays deleted, leaving three hundred working days.

He asks all who enjoy the simple comforts of life to devote the equivalent of one day's service, or one three-hundredth of their annual income, to the new league, which aims at providing a definite annual income for ex-service men and their widows and children.

**DISTRIBUTOR OF CHEER
RUNS AGAINST LAW**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—John J. Hanley was hauled out of his expensive automobile today and arrested for giving Christmas presents.

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Police said he had been driving around for several hours distributing part of his private stock of champagne, wines and whisky among his friends.

The charge against him was possessing and transporting liquor. His automobile and its contents were seized.

West Calgary Election
CALGARY, Dec. 24.—Capt. Joseph J. T. Shaw, Independent Progressive, has been declared elected over Hon. H. B. Bennett, Minister of Justice, by Judge Winter, of the District Court, on a recount of the ballots, by a majority of six votes. His net gain on the recount was twenty-two, which outnumbered Mr. Bennett's official majority before the recount of six, putting Mr. Shaw sixteen in the lead.

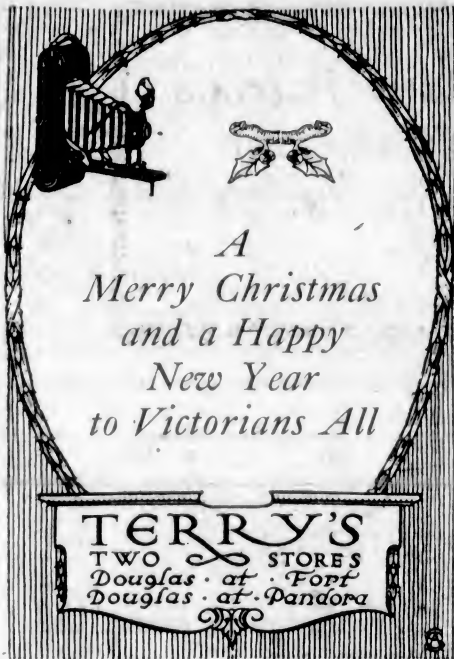
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INTRODUCE NEW FARE BOXES THIS WEEK

Adoption of Wide-Mouth Type
Expected to Speed Up Service
on Street Cars—Abolish
Red Tickets

Next Wednesday, December 28, a new type of fare box will be placed in service on the street cars. The new boxes are of the "Hollywood" type and of similar design to those in use on some of the largest railway systems.

One of the chief features is the exceptionally wide mouth with which they are provided for the reception of fares—cash or tickets. With the introduction of these new boxes, the red tickets, which have hitherto been sold at six cents each, will be abolished. Passengers who may wish to pay their fare in cash will no longer have to hand the six cents to the conductor, receiving in exchange one red ticket, but will deposit the six cents directly into the fare box. Conductors will continue to provide change for those who may require it, and to sell green tickets in strips of six for 35 cents, which passengers will deposit in the fare box in the ordinary way.

It is expected that the adoption of the new boxes will be the means of doing away with a certain amount of unavoidable delay associated with the old fare boxes, since the introduction of the six-cent fare.

Officials of the street railway company draw attention to the fact that a very material saving in time can be effected if street car patrons will purchase tickets in preference to paying fare in cash.

OBITUARY NOTICES

EASTON—The funeral of the late William Easton, who passed away at Grand Forks a few days ago, took place from the B.C. Funeral Chapel yesterday afternoon at 2:30, where service was held by the Rev. Dr. W. L. Clay. Many friends were present, including a delegation from the I.O.O.F. Many floral tributes covered the casket. The remains were laid to rest in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. R. A. Hinch, S. A. Virtue, D. A. Henry and T. L. Crosson, representing the Odd Fellows, and E. Miller and M. Sutton.

ONO—The funeral of Baby Ono, who died yesterday morning, took place from the B.C. Funeral Chapel Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, where service will be held. Interment will be made in Ross Bay Cemetery.

HAY—The death occurred yesterday at St. Joseph's Hospital of Deacon Way Hay, aged 56 years, and born in Canton, China. The deceased was a farmer at Saanich. The remains have been removed to the B. C. Funeral Parlors, and will be embalmed and forwarded later to China.

POVAH—The remains of the late John Povah, who passed away on Tuesday, December 20, were laid to rest yesterday afternoon, service being held at the Thomson Funeral Home, 1625 Quadra Street, when Rev. H. T. Archibald officiated. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. C. Leach, C. F. Bamfield, W. Bergstrom, W. Pillar. Interment was made in Ross Bay Cemetery.

HI KIDA—The death occurred at an early hour yesterday morning of Shizy Hi Kida, the three days' old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hi Kida, of 1016 Blanshard Street. The funeral will take place on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 10:30 o'clock, from the Sande Funeral Chapel, and interment will be made at Ross Bay Cemetery.

BLANCHARD—The funeral of Baby Frederick Thomas Blanchard,

Heroes of British Columbia

LIEUT.-COL. PEARKES, V.C., D.S.O., M.C.

By Raymond Rodmond



LIEUT.-COL. G. R. PEARKES, V.C., D.S.O., M.C.

Among the men who have dared death and braved the fury of warfare to win the coveted Victoria Cross, the Empire's most prized honor, are a number of heroes from British Columbia whose deeds deserve the laurel crown of fame no less than those of the most valiant of Britain's soldiers. A Victoria soldier, Lieut.-Col. G. R. Pearkes, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., whose gallantry under fire and skill in handling his men under trying circumstances, together with his genius for courage deserve more than ordinary praise, is one of these heroes of the Province.

Colonel Pearkes has the unique distinction of having won a first class honor in each year for three years, and in one year out of the three winning two coveted decorations. In 1916 he was given the Military Cross for work done under trying circumstances in Regina Trench, on October 30, 1917, he was given the Victoria Cross for his bravery, skill and leadership at Passchendaele, and on August 8, 1918, he received the D.S.O. Following this last-named honor, on August 15 of the same year, the French Government presented him with the honor of the Croix de Guerre. Few Canadian soldiers have a record equal to that of this distinguished officer.

Official Record
The official record of the action which won this British Columbian officer the Victoria Cross contains the following passages: "For most conspicuous bravery and skilful handling of the troops under his command during the capture and consolidation of considerably more than the objectives allotted to him in an attack on October 30 and 31, 1917, near Passchendaele."

"Just prior to the advance Major Pearkes was wounded in the left thigh. Regardless of his wound he continued to lead his men with the utmost gallantry, despite many obstacles, to a particular stage of the attack his further advance was threatened by a strong point, which was an objective of the battalion on his left, but which they had not succeeded in capturing. Quickly appreciating the situation, he captured and held this point, thus enabling his further advance to be pushed forward."

"It was entirely due to his determination and fearless personality that he was able to maintain his objective with the small number of men at his disposal."

The one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blanchard, of 132 Colville Road, took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the above residence. Rev. Robert Connell officiated, and the little casket was covered with many beautiful flowers. Mr. Frederick Blanchard and Mr. J. McMillan acted as pallbearers, and interment was made at Ross Bay Cemetery.

NEW MAP OF CITY IS AT LAST PUBLISHED
Island Blueprint and Map Company Puts Out the First in Nearly Ten Years
The Island Blueprint and Map Co. has just published a new commercial map of Greater Victoria, which is of interest to a large section of the business houses of the city. The company realizes the fact that there have been a large number of street name changes in the city, Oak Bay and Esquimalt municipalities, and that in law nearly ten years since the last map of the city was compiled, so the fact stands out very clearly that a new city map for reference purposes is needed.

This map is a street and house number one, drawn to a scale of five inches to one mile, showing correct location and names of streets and avenues, house numbers, and simplified form naming the districts, giving the location and names of all schools and fire halls. Mile circles radiate from the City Hall and golf links and are shown in green. Car lines are in red and the paved streets and drive-ways in yellow. It also includes a complete street index for the quick location of streets, and is mounted on cloth with hardwood rollers top and bottom.

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MINING INSTITUTE

Annual Meeting of B. C. Division
Convenes in Vancouver First
Week in February

The next annual meeting of the British Columbia division of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy will be held in Vancouver during the first week of February next. Special prominence will be given at this meeting to the subjects of coal mining and the utilization of coal in the industrial development of the Province. There will be papers on mining methods and practice in the various coal fields of the Province; the geological conditions will be dealt with, and the question of the widening of the market for British Columbia coal will receive special attention, while the question of conservation of coal resources through the utilization of waste products will be one on which discussion will turn. Other papers will deal with the "Production of Coal" and "Production and Use of Pulverized Coal." Another topic to be dealt with will be the treatment of complex ores and the oil possibilities of the Mackenzie River basin.

Reichsbank Suggestion
PARIS, Dec. 24.—An American superintendent for the Reichsbank was one of the proposers discussed by Premier Briand and Lloyd George at their conference in London early this week, according to The Temps. With the idea of giving the institution an autonomous regime, the paper adds, Germany would be given at the same time a fixed date to put necessary fiscal reforms into effect.

National Railway Earnings
TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Canadian National Railway earnings for the week ending December 21 show a decrease of \$59,741 over corresponding period a year. From January 1, 1921, to date, earnings show an increase of \$289,572 over corresponding period in 1920.

command against repeated enemy counter-attacks, both his flank being unprotected for a considerable depth meanwhile. His appreciation of the situation throughout, and the report rendered by him were invaluable to his commanding officer in making dispositions of troops to hold the position captured. He showed throughout a supreme contempt of danger and wonderful powers of control and leadership."

Native of Hertfordshire
Lieut.-Col. Pearkes is a native of Hertfordshire, England, and was educated at Berkhamstead under the present Dean of Lincoln, Dr. Fry. Among the 1,145 names on the famous school's roll of honor his name is not inconspicuous. He is a nephew of the Rev. W. A. Pearkes, who was for so long connected with St. Alban's Church, Holborn, London, and of the Rev. F. Pearkes, of St. Agnes, Kensington.

Colonel Pearkes was one of the three men chosen by the Canadian Government and sent to Canterbury Staff College for special training after the war. He was afterwards appointed Staff Officer of No. 13 Military District, Calgary, Alta., which position he now occupies.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN CITY CHURCHES

Special Services in Keeping
With Season Announced for
Today in Many of Victoria's
Places of Worship

Special Christmas music will be featured in all city churches today. In addition to those already announced, the following programmes have been published:

St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Today at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church special music will be rendered at both services, the evening service taking the form of a service of praise.

Organ—
Morning.
"Pastorale Symphony"....Handel
Solo and Chorus—"O Thou That Tearest".....Handel
Soloist—Mrs. Jesse Longfield
Anthem—"Gloria to God in the Highest".....E. V. Hall
Organ—"The Silver Trumpets"....Viviani
Evening.
Organ—(a) "The Shepherds Pastoral".....Gillette
(b) "Pastorale Intermzzo".....Ashmall
Anthem—"Ades Fideles".....Newell
Solo—"The Gift".....Behrend
Miss Beth Simpson
Anthem—"O Little Town of Bethlehem".....Ashmall
Solo by Mrs. Longfield
Solo—"O Holy Night".....Adam
Mr. Kenneth Angus
Chorus—"Worthy Is the Lamb".....Handel
Organ—"Grand Chorus in D".....Gullmant
Emmanuel Baptist
At the morning service a selection of Old English carols will be given with orchestral accompaniments. In the evening selections from the "Messiah" will be rendered with orchestral accompaniments. "Comfort Ye My People" and "The Glory." "For Heideil Darkness," "O Thou That Tearest."

Soloists, Mrs. J. Nixon, Messrs. N. Sheppess and C. Clapham.
Ades Fideles
Magnificat—Edson.
Solo—"Nazareth" by Mr. Robert Jones.
"Star of the East" by the Ladies' Choir.
Christmas hymns and carols.

St. John's
Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, rector of St. John's Church, will be assisted in the Christmas communion service by Rev. Col. Woods. The services for Christmas Day will be as follows: 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., morning prayer and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., shortened evensong and carol service.

Christ Church Cathedral
Choral Matins and Holy Communion at 11 a.m.; Organ, Christmas offertorium, Lemmens. Te Deum, B. St. Maunder. Communion service, E. St. Woodard. Organ, "The Manger: Pastoral and Adoration." Gullmant, Op. 59. Organ, postlude. Noel, Gullmant.
Choral evensong and carols at 7 p.m.: Organ, "Pastorale," Cesar Franck, Op. 19. "Messiah," No. 4. Recit. "Behold, a Virgin Shall Conceive." "Messiah," No. 9. Aris, "O Thou That Tearest" Handel. (Mrs. Georgina Watt).
Organ, Chorus, "Hallelujah," Handel.

First Presbyterian (Evening Service)
Benedictus—"Blessed Is He Who Cometh." Gounod. Carols—"Behold Another Hallowing Year." Old English. "What Child Is This?" Old English. "We Three Kings of Orient Are." Stainer. "Angels From the Realms of

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for
A Glad New
Year

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afternoon there will be a service for the children at 10 a.m., conducted by the Rev. Canon Barry, B.A. At 11 a.m. there will be a choral eucharist and sermon, and at 7 p.m. shortened evensong and carols. The anthem is "Blessed Be the Lord God," by Caleb Stimpes; Bunnett's "Magnificat," and "Nunc Dimittit." Soloist, Miss Watson. The offertories will be for the clergy widows and orphans.

First Spiritual
Mrs. Minnie Perkins, the pastor of the First Spiritual Church of Victoria, will preach a Christmas sermon this evening in the K. of P. Hall, North Park Street, the subject being "Spiritual Rebirth," the meaning of the Star of the East, St. Nicholas, Santa Claus, etc. Special music will be given during the service, also Christmas carols will be sung.

St. Mark's, Cloverdale
Special music has been arranged to make the Christmas services at St. Mark's bright and happy. The first service will be holy communion, at 8 a.m., and instead of Sunday School in the

Again the Christmas Bells we ring,
And "Peace on earth, goodwill" we sing,
Again the Christmas Tree's all bright
With cheerful, happy Yuletide light—
May your joys be many, your cares be few
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City and District in Brief

Railway Official Here—Mr. Basil
Gardom, of Calgary, superintendent
of the Western division of the C.P.R.,
arrived here yesterday.

Drug Store Hours—The drug stores
of Victoria will close tomorrow at 1
p.m., remaining closed for the balance
of the day. Sunday hours as usual
will be observed today.

Christmas Tree for Children—A
Christmas tree for the children of the
members of the hotel staff is being
given by the Empress Hotel this after-
noon.

Public Library—The Victoria Public
Library will be open today and to-
morrow from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the
reading and reference departments,
but will be closed for the circulation
of books.

No Services Today—There will be
no service in the Happy Valley
schoolhouse, Luxton, today (Christ-
mas Day). The next service will be
on the fourth Sunday in January as
usual.

Amalgamated Veterans—A general
meeting of the Amalgamated Veter-
ans' Association will be held in the
Trades and Labor Hall on Wednesday
next, at 8 o'clock. An matters of im-
portance will be dealt with, a full
attendance of members is requested.

Acknowledge Donation—Among the
funds contributed to the Christmas
Colony office, to assist the various
organizations in their extra Christmas
work of alleviation of distress in the
city, \$156 has been tendered fully re-
ceived by the Salvation Army.

Leaves Provincial Service—After
many years' service in the Depart-
ment of the King's Printer, Mr. C.
N. Webb, stock cutter in the depart-
ment, has been supernumerated by the
Provincial Government. He will
leave shortly for Courtenay, where
he will take up his residence.

Machine Gun Brigade—No. 1 Com-
pany, 11th Canadian Machine Gun
Brigade, will parade at 8 p.m. on
Tuesday, at the Bay Street Drill Hall,
Dress, drill order. A full attendance
of all ranks is looked for. The Pro-
vincial School of Machine Guns will
be held at 7:30 p.m. prompt on Tues-
day, Wednesday and Thursday.

Benefit Dance—Victoria Review,
No. 1, W.K., will hold an evening
benefit dance at the R. of C. Hall,
Government Street, on Tuesday,
from 9 till 12. Invitations may be se-
cured from the members. Refresh-
ments will be served and a very en-
joyable time is anticipated. Excel-
lent music is assured, as Hunt's or-
chestra has been engaged.

Women's Conservative Club—The
members of the Conservative Wom-
en's Educational and Social Club are
requested by the secretary, Mrs.
Mowat, to attend the special meeting
of the Conservative Association called
for the purpose of amending the con-
stitution and other special business,
on Thursday, in the clubrooms,
Campbell Building.

Caledonia Club Dance—The Cale-
donia Club will hold a grand Christ-
mas dance tomorrow night in the
Caledonia Hall, View Street. Spot-
light and moonlight dancing will be
the principal feature of the evening.
Dancing will commence at 9 p.m.
and will conclude at 1 a.m. Wallace's
orchestra will provide the dance
music.

Record Amount of Mail—The
amount of mail posted in Victoria
from Friday morning until midnight
of the same day was the greatest on
record in the local postoffice. The mail
yesterday was not so heavy. Owing
to the amount of mail only one de-
livery was possible yesterday in the
residential districts. There will be
one on Monday at 10 o'clock.

Canadian National Reserve—At a
winding-up meeting of the Canadian
National Reserve held last evening,
the balance of the fund in hand,
amounting to \$14,471, was donated to
the Protestant Orphans' Home for
the purchase of Christmas cheer.
Members of the Reserve who were
present included: Commander Le-
ward Tait, Captain Grimmon, and
several others.

Accident Blocks Traffic—For nearly
an hour last night street car travel
between Esquimalt and the City was
halted and the city was blocked when a
street car of the converted type was
derailed at the intersection of Wilton
Street and Esplanade. The result
of the accident was that hundreds
of people bound for the city to
do their Christmas shopping were
delayed, and the service was demor-
alized for about half an hour.

Esquimalt Women's Institute—A
Christmas social will be held by the
Esquimalt Women's Institute on
Thursday, December 29, at the Sal-
lor's Club, Admiralty and Esplanade
Roads, commencing at 7:30 p.m. The
gathering will be for the members of
the Institute and their friends, and a
pleasant time is anticipated. The
evening will be spent in music and
dancing, and members are requested
to bring refreshments.

Dr. Tolmie Returns—Hon. S. P.
Tolmie, M.P., arrived home by the
afternoon boat yesterday, having
come direct from Ottawa. Dr. Tolmie
states that the resignations of the
former Ministry have been in the
hands of His Excellency for some
time, but as Hon. Mackenzie King is
not as yet prepared to name his
Cabinet, no action has been taken in
filling their predecessors, who
have now cleaned up all depart-
mental affairs.

Provincial Appointments—Mr. F.
F. Brown has been appointed liquor
vendor for the Government at Anxos,
where a liquor store was recently
opened. Messrs. G. E. Sky, James
Hudson Pilling, and Henry B. Baker,
of Vancouver, and Mr. T. J. H.
Larue, of Hutton Mill, have been
appointed Notaries Public. Messrs.
Henry J. Pease, of Discovery, and
Alfred Lythgoe, of Yahi, have been
named Justices of the Peace.

Camou Five Hundred Club—The
Camou Five Hundred Club will hold
a tournament tomorrow evening
in the Orange Hall at 8:30.
Good prizes will be offered for those
competing. The president reports
that the club has had a prosperous
year. Everyone must be seated by
8:30, no one being admitted after
that time. The president and com-
mittee wish to thank all members for
their patronage in the past, and wish
them a merry Christmas.

Crailflower P.T.A.—The Crailflower
Parent-Teacher Association will have
a Christmas tree on Thursday, De-
cember 29, at 8 o'clock, in the school.
There will be a good musical pro-
gramme, and members are requested
to bring a gift for the tree, the cost
of which is limited to twenty-five
cents. The social convenor hopes
there will be a large turnout, as her-

committee has done everything to
ensure this being a success. Refresh-
ments will be served.

Scholars Are Grateful—The pupils
of Tillamook School desire The Colonist
to convey an expression of thanks,
coupled with best wishes for a merry
Christmas, to their teachers, and ten-
ticularly to Mrs. Hume and Miss
Walter, for gifts bestowed and en-
tertainment given on Friday, Decem-
ber 19. The magnitude of the un-
dertaking of the teachers was con-
siderable, as over ninety children had
to be looked after in the distribution
of presents.

North Dairy Christmas Tree—A
Christmas tree for the pupils of the
North Dairy School was given yester-
day afternoon by the North Dairy
Parent-Teachers' Association. The
affair was a most enjoyable one, each
child being given a gift from the tree
by Mr. Service, who acted as Santa
Claus. Mr. Sandford presided. Tea
was served to the children by the
ladies, and after the young folks had
been given refreshment, the parents
were invited to the mothers. Games and singing
followed.

The "Moose Is Summoned"—Thos.
E. Johnson, better known to hockey
enthusiasts as "Moose," pleaded not
guilty before Magistrate Jay in the
City Police Court yesterday to the
charge of failing to drive his motor
car in a prudent manner. The de-
fendant said that he did not hit any-
body with his car. He might have
scared somebody, perhaps, but he al-
ways drove his car in what he con-
sidered was careful fashion. The
case was adjourned until next Wed-
nesday, when witnesses for the pro-
secution will be called.

Girl Guide Christmas Party—The
First Victoria Florence Nightingale
Company, Girl Guides, entertained
their friends at a very successful
Christmas party at headquarters,
Foul Bay, on Friday evening. The
room was beautifully decorated. Pa-
trol Leader Vivienne Wheaten and
Guide Mabel Hartley having taste-
fully worked out the decoration
scheme. Guide games were played,
Eileen Maurice winning the Christ-
mas tree at the "donkey game." Use-
ful hand-made presents were ex-
changed and a delightful supper en-
ded the evening.

Veterans' Relief Fund—The com-
mittee of the Amalgamated Veterans'
Association in charge of the veterans'
relief fund in the city wished to
acknowledge the following donors,
since the fund was started several
weeks ago: Captain H. C. Carey, \$10;
K. B. N., \$5 and clothing; A. Friend,
\$5; Mills and George Shoshbaum,
\$2 and a quantity of tape; Mrs. Wen-
dell B. Shaw, quantity of candles.
Food, money and clothing are equally
acceptable, and all such donations
should be sent to Mr. H. P. Thorp,
201 Union Bank Building, where the
office of the relief fund is located.

I.A. to A. and N. Veterans—Sol-
diers in the Jubilee, St. Joseph's and
Central Hospitals were visited by a
committee of the Ladies' Auxiliary to
the Army and Navy Veterans' Asso-
ciation yesterday afternoon and pre-
sented them with gifts of
smoke, fruit and candy. Mrs. I.
Chambers and Mrs. McAdam dis-
tributed the Christmas boxes of good
cheer and were assisted in their
preparation by Mrs. H. Chipman, the
president of the organization. The
Auxiliary recently voted a sum of
money to purchase Christmas com-
forts for the soldier patients at Fran-
cisco, B.C.

Impromptu Dance—For the past
three nights the St. Barnabas ten-
piece orchestra has been holding an
impromptu dance in one of the
rooms over Digson's printing estab-
lishment. It was originally intended
simply as a practice for the orches-
tra, but people started dropping in
and it developed into a small dance.
The room had been cleared of all
furniture, and a piece of mistletoe
suspended from electric light
added considerably to the merriment
of the last evening. Christmas greet-
ings were extended to all who came,
and a truly festive spirit pervaded
the proceedings.

Chinamen Not Gaily—The charge
against Loue Doon, Wong Hing
Chong, Chong Lee Lung and Lee,
of being found in an opium resort in
Beacon Avenue, Sidney, was dis-
missed by Magistrate Jay in the City
Police Court yesterday. The charge
was laid on the information of offi-
cers of the Royal Canadian Mounted
Police, who gave evidence as to
raiding the place and making the ar-
rests. This evidence tended, in the
opinion of the court, to show that the
place was a Chinese boarding house,
which had certainly been used by
some of the boarders as a place in
which to smoke opium, but which
could not be held to be an illegal
opium resort, within the meaning of
the criminal code.

There's But One Way
(Written for the wreath which
Lady Limerick placed on the Cen-
taph on Armistice Day.)
There's just one gift that all our dead
desire,
One gift that man can give, and
that's a dream,
Unless we, too, can burn with that
same fire
Of sacrifice; die to the things that
seem;
Die to the little hatreds; die to greed;
Die to the odious selves we
know;
Die to the base contempt of sect
And rise again, like these, with
souls as true.
Nay (since they died before their
task was finished),
Attempt new heights, bring even
their dreams to birth;
Build us a better world, O, not
diminished
By one true splendor that they
planned on earth.
And that's not done by sword, or
tonque, or pen.
There's but one way. God make us
better men.
—Alfred Noyes.

Switzerland and Soviet
BERNE, Dec. 24.—Just prior to ad-
journment yesterday, Parliament post-
poned action until the summer ses-
sion of meeting of the two Commu-
nists the Soviet Government in Russia.

Dies From Wound
TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Struck in
the head at his home here yesterday
by an assailant, believed to be a room
mate, who escaped through a window,
J. Kovachuk died yesterday in the
local hospital.

LITTLE PATIENTS ENJOY SANTA CLAUS

Presents Distributed in Chil-
dren's Ward of Jubilee Hospi-
tal Last Evening—Singing
Carols This Morning

The usual gay Christmas Eve
scene took place at the Children's
Ward of the Jubilee Hospital last
night, when the little patients,
also most of the S.C.I. patients and
some from other wards, nurses, re-
sident medical staff, etc., gathered
round the brightly-lit tree to watch
the distribution by Santa Claus of the
gifts which he and friends had left
for the spectators.

The entertainment commenced with
the singing by St. John's Choir of
two or three carols, Miss Mary Purdy,
one of the nurses at Jubilee Hospital,
singing the solo; afterwards the most
exciting part of the evening came,
Santa Claus being ushered into the
middle of the room by Rev. A. deB.
Owen, and beginning the distribution
of the interesting-looking presents
which crowded the base of the tree.

The observance of Christmas is not
yet at an end however. At five o'clock
this morning, following time-honored
custom, the nurses will make a round
of the wards (headed by Miss Jessie
Mackenzie and Rev. A. deB. Owen)
and will sing carols. There will be a
special dinner for patients, nurses
and staff, and the usual big crowd of
Christmas visitors will be welcomed
later in the afternoon, undoubtedly.

**ROTARIANS WORK
THROUGH NIGHT**

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By Scotchie

It's a gran' time o' year, Christmas, there has bin mair written, an' sed, about it than any other subject. Mair folk ha had a try at writin' some- thin' bonny about the feestral, there's carols, an' hymns, an' mottoes, an' greetin's on cards, but there's bin yin thing lackin', and that's jist

a few words fra Andy McNab on the subject. Whil' the stair wif, an' whil' the end up wif, wifoot steppin' o' the tracks o' ither writers is a piazie. There's the biggest tax collector o' the year, Auld Sanny Claus, an' holly, an' mistletoe, an' snow, an' rouzin' lads, an' shepherds wif' flocks, an' whil' not, I hae mind o' a 'Christmas jentry. The lant table's spread wif' damask white cloth, an' shinin' wif' silver, an' blue, an' red, an' green, crystal an' soft lights. A lassie wif' yaller hair an' white

raiment (whil' there was o' it) on yin side, an' a lassie wif' black hair an' yaller raiment (whil' there was o' it) on the ither side. An' long gloves tae keep the arms wairm, an' fans tae keep the arms an' ither bits cauld. Poppin' corks, gentle chatter, noiseless waiters, an' "Goodnight, such a delightful evening!" I'm sittin' at anither table. The cloth's no jist the color o' new fallen snow, the flitch is amokin' cannels, there is na the sound o' poppin' corks, nor the noiseless waiters. The lassie o' the richt does na

need a fan, fur she's neither too wairm, nor ower cauld, an' her claes are neither mair nor less than she requires, forebye a bonny bit o' ribbon here an' there. The lassie tae the left has a feller's arm roon' her, fur she an' her man ha' jist made up their minds, an' arms afeerd tae show it. The plates are filled up wif' guid meat, an' steamin' latties. There's no sixteen courses, but there's shinin' happy faces, an' roars o' laughter, an' a bit o' mistletoe, an' "My! Jeenie, we've had a bonny time! Me an' my man will be roon the morn tae help cleave us."

Here's the best table o' the three. I canna see the cloth fur bits o' broken crackers. There's nae crystal, but cups an' saucers, an' cake, an' oranges, an' candy. An' there's bonny wee curly heads, an' bright young faces, an' a big shinin' candle-lit Christmas tree. There's shoutin', an' laughin', and happy Father Christmas has bin, an' is there. The stars are shinin' far above, an' the great God o' love looks doon an' smiles. "For, of such is the kingdom of Heaven." A happy Christmas fur the waigs.

A happy Christmas tae those who ha' nae waigs. Santa Claus hasn't time the look up a' the folk i' the world; but he's scootin' aroun' somewhere, an' if Andy McNab had the drivin' o' his cairn it wouldna' miss your noose. I'm no through yit. I'm goin' yin better. Moogle an' me and the waigs hope you'll be none the waur o' the festivities, an' whin its done an' a' over we'll send up a wee prayer that you'll all hae a guid an' prosperous new year.

Rail Traffic Increases
MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—The rail traffic is back to pre-war volume, was the statement of railway officials, who claim that the number of persons traveling during the Christmas season is greater this year than it has been since 1913.

Boy Fatally Scalded
MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—Climbing up to reach some jam that had been stored in a cupboard, Leonard Davis slipped and fell into a washtub of boiling water and died later.

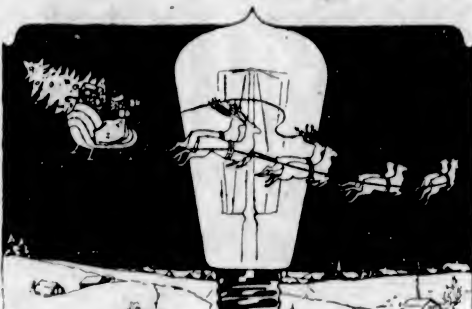
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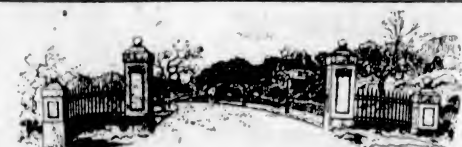
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**BANK AMALGAMATION
CLOSED IN AUSTRALIA**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A Reuters cable from Melbourne says it is announced that National Bank of Australasia has purchased the business of the Bank of Queensland for £520,000. The 1917 statement of the Bank of Queensland gave the bank's capitalization as £450,000 paid up. The 1918-1920 dividend was six per cent. The bank has 45 branches and agencies. The National Bank has a capital-

tion of £5,000,000 fully paid up; reserves fund, £1,200,000, and deposits of £24,000,000. Last year's dividend was eight per cent.

More Prisoners Liberated
KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 24.—Eighteen more prisoners were liberated from the Portsmouth penitentiary today, making thirty in two days, and it is not unlikely there will be further releases before Christmas. The population of the institution on Tuesday was 430, and the regular dormitory cells were all filled.

RUSH ON LIQUOR STORE BY THIRSTY CROWDS

Thousands of Purchasers
Throng Government Premises
and Lay in Supplies for
Over Holiday Period

It will not be anything in the nature of a "dry" Christmas for many Victorians if the rush made yesterday upon the Government Liquor Store, Johnson Street, can be taken as any indication.

Never in the history of the local store has there been such a persistent and continued demand for wet goods as was experienced yesterday from the moment the store opened in the morning until it closed at 7 o'clock last evening.

Throughout the entire day a long queue of purchasers waited for their turn to secure the single fifty-cent permits, while there was a veritable swarm of five-dollar permit holders, who poured into the premises and made their purchases. Whisky of all brands, wines, liquors, beers, gin and rum, together with other brands of drinkables in stock, disappeared from the shelves as if by magic. When the store closed last evening the line of waiting purchasers extended out on to the street. All who could get before the store before the closing hour did so, and after the doors were closed those inside were attended to. It was after eight o'clock before the last purchaser was given his load of intoxicant and let out of the door.

The fact that the store will not be open for two days led those who wanted their supply of liquor over the holiday to stock up, with the result that the stock at the store was sadly depleted, despite the fact that all day long fresh consignments of wet goods were being received from the warehouse.

Right at the start of the day's business it was seen that there would be an unprecedented rush for liquor. The regular staff, under Vendor Ashwell, worked as they never worked before to meet the demand, and at noon an appeal for more assistance was sent to the Liquor Board, and three or four men were sent down to help in attending to the waiting public. Three men at the rear of the store were kept busy breaking open cases and barrels, and a pile of empty cases reaching nearly to the ceiling indicated the rapidity with which the contents had disappeared. In line waiting for permits were a large number of women, who bore large handbags, into which disappeared bottles as if by magic.

As fast as the shelves were filled with various brands they were emptied by the demand, and in some cases the brands were cleaned out, early.

It may be that there are many people this Christmas who are "dry" of surplus cash, but there was no indication of that around the Government store yesterday. Bills deluged the cashier in a shower, and the cause of complaint on the part of patrons appeared to be the fact that they could not get rid of their money fast enough.

Just what was the aggregate amount of business done yesterday could not be ascertained last night. That it ran up into the thousands is certain, but no complete check was possible last night.

Vendor Ashwell and his staff were a tired lot when the end of the business was reached. He stated that a feature of the day's proceedings was the good nature shown by the crowd of purchasers. Despite the delay owing to the permits, and the rush throughout the entire day, everyone was in a good humor and appeared willing to wait their turn, presumably knowing that at the end of their wait they would have the material wherewith to while away the Christmas holiday.

WEDDINGS

Honeyman-McTavish
Yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock the marriage was solemnized between Catherine M. McTavish, of Vancouver, and Robert Anderson Honeyman, the Rev. Dr. Clay officiating at the service which took place in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The bride was attended by Mrs. J. D. Tait, of the latter's home, the groom was supported as best man by his brother, Mr. Henry Honeyman, of 31 South Turner Street. Only immediate relatives and intimate friends were present at the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Honeyman will reside in this city for the winter months.

Butteris-Hinds
A pretty Christmas wedding took place at the Metropolitan Methodist Church on Christmas eve when Bernice, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinds, Victoria West, was united in matrimony with Mr. Harold L. Butteris. Immediately after the ceremony which was performed by Rev. Dr. W. J. Sippell, a reception was held for the happy couple at the home of the bride's parents, 203 Jessie Street. A large number of the numerous friends of the couple took this opportunity of wishing them every happiness. At the ceremony in the church the bride was attended by Miss Gladys Ledingham as bridesmaid, and the groom was supported by Mr. Roy Garraway as best man. Miss Mary Middleton rendered a most enjoyable solo during the signing of the register. During the reception Miss Mary Middleton, Mr. Ernest Butterworth and Capt. T. H. Wheldon rendered the musical numbers which were in special harmony with the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Butteris left on the midnight boat for Vancouver, and will spend their honeymoon in the Georgian Circuit cities. Upon return to Victoria they will reside at 424 Walton Street.

DEMONSTRATE VALUE OF MILK AS FOOD

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—A campaign with a view to spreading information about milk value has been organized by the Department of Agriculture. J. A. Ruddick, dairy commissioner, states that studies during recent years in the subject of human nutrition had emphasized the high values of dairy produce. The campaign will tend to demonstrate that under-nourished and impoverished children greatly benefited mentally and physically by a liberal consumption of milk.

Canadian Money for Soldiers
FAIRBANKS, Dec. 24.—Canadian money to the value of \$4,000,000 will be

Tuesday, December 27th



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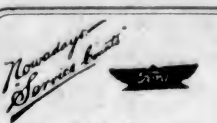
THERE is a double appeal in the bargains which make this annual sale as desirable to the woman who seeks economy as it is to the woman who will buy only what she knows to be as fashionable as it is reasonable—for everything we show is taken right from stock—the very latest in Winter styles, the very best in material and making.

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Our Mid-Winter Clearance Sale of Women's and Children's Apparel and Millinery

Commences Tuesday, December 27

This is an event which will be of the greatest interest to those who anticipate the purchase of ready-to-wear garments and millinery. Both Women's and Children's Sections are concerned. The prices have been greatly reduced, and are now low enough to ensure a quick clearance of all seasonable lines. Attend Tuesday, you will greatly profit by doing so.

Women's and Misses' Plain and Fur-Trimmed Suits

56 High-Grade Serge and Tricotine Suits, in navy, sand, grey, beaver and Burgundy. Reduced to clear as follows:

2 only, to clear at \$15 each.

10 only, to clear at \$25 each.

16 only, to clear at \$45 each.

6 only, to clear at \$49.50 each.

16 only, to clear at \$59.50 each.

6 only, to clear at \$69.50 each.

10 only, High-Grade Fur-Trimmed Suits, the best of the season's models, fashioned from broad-cloths and velours. Specially reduced to clear at HALF PRICE. Sale Prices are \$34.75 to \$99.25 each.

WOMEN'S AND MISSES' COATS

19 only, Trench Coats of all-wool covert cloth and gaberdine; are half lined and wonderful value at the Sale Price, \$29.50 each.

5 only, Trench Coats of all-wool covert cloth and gaberdine. Sale Price, \$39.50 each.

5 only, Burberry and Ranelagh Coats, smart belted models; excellent color effect tweeds. Sale Price, \$39.50 each.

11 only, Ranelagh Coats, in smart tweed mixtures. Sale Price, \$49.50 each.

14 only, Ranelagh and Burberry Coats, smart styles and colors. Sale Price, \$59.50 each.

12 only, High-Grade Burberry Coats, an unusual offering. Sale Price, \$75 each.

Cloth Coats, Plain and Fur Trimmed—

19 Blanket Cloth and Tweed Coats in a good assortment of color effects and styles, grouped in three lots as follows:

3 only, to clear at \$9.75 each.

7 only, to clear at \$15.00 each.

9 only, to clear at \$19.50 each.

38 only, High-Grade Velour and Bolivia Cloth and Marvella Cloth Coats, the choicest of this

season's models. Colors include brown, navy, taupe, grey. Some are plain; others are trimmed with fur. Now grouped to clear as follows:

10 only, priced to clear at \$29.50 each.

7 only, priced to clear at \$39.50 each.

5 only, priced to clear at \$49.50 each.

3 only, priced to clear at \$59.50 each.

5 only, priced to clear at \$69.50 each.

6 only, priced to clear at \$79.50 each.

1 only, priced to clear at \$105.00.

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Women's and Misses' Serge and Tricotine Dresses

A wonderful collection of the smartest models imaginable. Styles, qualities and prices are such as will appeal to those who seek better than usual values. The tricotines consist of silk braids, beads, silk embroidery, silks and duvetyne. These have been placed in the following groups and greatly reduced to clear at—

16 only, reduced to clear at \$9.50 each.

6 only, reduced to clear at \$15.00 each.

6 only, reduced to clear at \$25.00 each.

6 only, reduced to clear at \$29.50 each.

10 only, reduced to clear at \$39.50 each.

6 only, reduced to clear at \$55.00 each.

7 only, reduced to clear at \$69.50 each.

Women's and Misses' Silk Frocks

Included are models developed in fine qualities of Taffeta, Satin, Crepe de Chine and Georgette combination effects. Colors are navy, black, sand, brown, grey, Copenhagen and taupe. Grouped to clear as follows:

6 only, reduced to clear at \$15.00 each.

3 only, reduced to clear at \$25.00 each.

8 only, reduced to clear at \$35.00 each.

7 only, reduced to clear at \$45.00 each.

12 only, reduced to clear at \$55.00 each.

2 only, reduced to clear at \$69.50 each.

—Drysdale's Women's and Misses' Garment Shop, First Floor

Children's Coats, Dresses and Hats at Most Extraordinary Low Prices

DRESSES

Children's All-Wool Serge Dresses in sailor style, collars and cuffs are trimmed with red or white braid; have pleated skirts, and are for 4 years of age only. Sale Price, \$4.95 each.

"Sailor Maid" Dresses of fine quality navy serge; collars and cuffs are trimmed with red, white or black braid. The skirts are box or knife pleated; are for ages 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Sale Prices are \$6.95, \$8.95, \$10.95 and \$11.95 each.

COATS

The entire stock of Children's Coats at one-third off regular prices.

This includes smart belted styles with velvet collars or trimmed with self color silk stitching; are made of blanket cloth and chinchilla, in navy and brown, for ages 3, 4 and 5 years. Sale Prices are \$5.75, \$6.50 and \$8.25 each.

Warm Blanket Cloth Coats, have box pleat effect at back, large collars, and come in brown and Copenhagen only. Sizes 8, 10 and 12 only. Sale Prices are \$10.00, \$14.00 and \$16.25 each.

Smart Velour Coats with fur collars, lined and interlined. Come in fawn, Adriatic and cerise. For ages 4 and 6 years only. Sale Prices are \$13.00, \$14.50 and \$19.75 each.

HATS

Children's Colored Velvet Hats in many styles, trimmed with band and bow of ribbon or finished with silk stitching in contrasting colors; shown in navy, brown, sage, taupe and black. Also a few Black Plush Hats with bands of corded ribbon. Sale Price, \$1.95 each.

Black Plush Hats, have slightly rolled stiff brims, are trimmed with bands and ends of corded ribbon. Also different styles in Velvet Hats in shades of brown, navy and black. Sale Price, \$3.95 each.

—Drysdale's Children's Wear Shop, Main Floor

Sweaters, Petticoats and House Dresses at Extraordinary Reductions

25 Cotton Print House Dresses, in wanted styles. Sale Price, 75¢ each.

150 Cotton Print House Dresses, in a wonderful variety of styles and color effects. Sale Price, \$1.00 each.

11 Short Kimonos, of French delaine. These are in flowered effects. Sale Price, \$1.50 each.

16 only, Short Kimonos, of good quality cotton crepe. Sale Price, \$2.50 each.

30 Short, Elderdawn Kimonos, in shades of red, pink, mauve and blue. Sale Price, \$3.50 each.

26 Cotton Crepe Kimonos, full length; shown in shades of lavender, rose, Copenhagen, pink and sky. Sale Price, \$3.95 each.

24 Full Length Cotton Crepe Kimonos, in shades of navy, grey, red, sage, pink and mauve. Sale Price, \$5.50 each.

17 Knitted Wool Sweaters, in pink, blue and Nile; have belts and pockets. Sale Price, \$4.95 each.

40 only, Jersey Cloth Sweaters, in heather mixtures of sand, brown and rose; are belted, have pockets, and are on sale at \$7.50 each.

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VICTORIAN PRESENT AT RITES IN FRANCE

Mr. Wilfred Weaver Sends Information About Armistice Day Service Held in Cemetery at Rouen

While certain dispatches indicate the current of political relations between France and England, there are evidences abundant of the warm sentiment with which the people of the former country recall their association with the British in the late war. A former Victoria resident, Mr. Wilfred Weaver, once resident at Cornwall Street, this city, writes from Rouen, France, under date of December 2, telling of the ceremony which was held there on the anniversary of Armistice Day, when numbers of French citizens were present when a wreath was laid on the graves of all the British dead buried there (St. Sever).

All Canadians should be grateful for the action of Mr. Weaver.

"An ex-member of the late Brigade, C.F.A., residing in Rouen since my demobilization, I thought it only fitting to commemorate specially the memory of our dead comrades from home," he writes. "We in Vauxmay with Mr. P. G. Coleman (late 3rd Canadian Infantry Battalion), of Toronto, and Mr. R. Chenier (late 10th Canadian Infantry Battalion), both now living in Rouen, we purchased a separate wreath, with an appropriate inscription, and laid it on the cemetery in memory of the 1,800 of our comrades from Canada who are sleeping their last amid the flowers of this foreign soil. Although we are so far from home, we do not forget those of our countrymen who made the supreme sacrifice, and I shall be only too pleased to hear from anyone having friends or relatives buried here who would like any information about the graves, or other similar service."

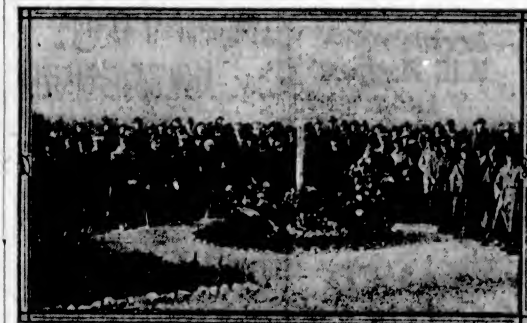
Many Pay Tribute

Amongst those present at the ceremony over the graves of these 1,800 British dead were the Prefect of the Seine Inférieure, the British Consul and Vice-Consul, the Mayor of Rouen, the General commanding the local troops, and most of the principal military and civil authorities of the district. The following is translated from The Journal:

"Gentlemen," said the Anglican clergyman who officiated at these rites, "in the name of the British colony at Rouen and the surrounding district, and on my own behalf, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the courtesy and kindness with which you have joined in our service today." He recalled that he had had the honor not long since of joining in a tribute to the memory of the French soldiers lying in the same cemetery. This was an interchange of spirit. During the two minutes' silence with which the ceremony had opened, there had been called to his mind the name of his country, Britain, symbol of British ideals and all the principles which Britain held dear. Now there also rose in his thoughts the image of France, a figure which was synonymous with chivalry, generosity and patriotism.

The final speaker was the Prefect of the Seine Inférieure, who, after lauding the "immortality of the ancient cordials," referred to the "three Canadians living at Rouen who, in the name of their dear homeland so far away, had placed some flowers

French Give Honor to British



Many residents of Rouen and district take part in Armistice Day rites at cemetery at Rouen, where 1,800 British and Canadian lie. A former Victoria resident, Mr. Wilfred Weaver, joined with two other Canadians and placed a wreath among the flowers to commemorate those of his countrymen who are buried in this sacred place among their other British comrades in arms.

on the grave of their Canadian brothers, the 1,800 brave men whose mortal remains had an honored place in the British cemetery at Rouen."

SUCCESSFUL POLICY

Provincial Government's Irrigation Plans Have Proved of Value to Interior Agriculturists

Repayment of sums advanced by the Provincial Government under the Conservation Fund for Irrigation purposes in various interior sections are being made by landowners, Mon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, states. Up to date approximately \$1,500,000 has been lent under the fund. First payments were due on December 1 last, and the Minister states, out of the total amount due—\$120,000—no less than \$118,000 has been repaid.

The Minister stated that there is not the slightest question as to the benefits accruing to the growers under the Government plan of advancing funds to assist in rehabilitating the irrigation systems, a policy which, he stated, has proved a most successful one.

Loan for Dutch East Indies

THE HAGUE, Dec. 24.—The second chamber of the Dutch Parliament passed, by 57 to 18, the bill authorizing a loan in the United States for the Dutch East Indies.

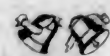
SHIPYARD WORKERS KEPT ON IN JAPAN

TOKIO, Dec. 24.—All the shipyard laborers in Japan are assured continued employment for at least a year in completing the ten light cruisers and 24 destroyers now building, or projected. This assurance comes from Vice-Admiral Okada, chief of the department of naval equipment. As a result of the understanding reached at Washington, work has been suspended on four battleships and four battle-cruisers.

Assuming that the Japanese Government will be allowed to proceed with the building of the auxiliary craft, Vice-Admiral Okada recommends such allocation of the workmen as to preserve the efficiency of all dockyards possible. This would be merely a precaution against any possible development which might necessitate additional construction during the ten-year naval holiday over the amount allowed under the present agreement.

Customs Revenue at Vancouver VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—With December's collections estimated at \$1,000,000, the total collections at the Port of Vancouver for 1921 are \$12,862,775, according to figures given out by the Customs Department here. This represents an increase of more than two millions over 1920, and more than four millions over 1919.

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WINNIPEG, Dec. 23.—Manitoba senior league; Selkirk, 9; Brandon, 1. Saskatchewan senior league; Regina, 6; Moose Jaw, 5.

Scores Are Low in Combination League

Teams Got Away to Good Start Yesterday—
Metropolis, Thistles and Garrison Win Opening Games With Play Fairly Close in the First Round Contests

The Combination Soccer League got away to a fair start yesterday afternoon with six teams engaged in league matches. Although the grounds were not in the best of shape after the prolonged frosty weather, the result of the three games showed that the teams in this league are all fairly well matched, no one of the victorious teams getting away with a very easy win, and scoring being fairly low all through, with a two-goal margin the biggest in any instance.

The Metropolis, Thistles and Garrison were the winning teams, and the C.P.R. eleven was the most unfortunate, in so far as it was the only team to fail to register a goal in yesterday's play, the soldiers being successful by the score of two to nothing.

In the game played between the Sons of Canada and the Metropolis intermediate eleven at Central Park the Mets ran away with a clear victory, with the final score three to one in their favor.

The play was fairly evenly divided between the two teams throughout the first half and was carried from one end of the field to the other alternately without a score being registered on either side. Both teams appeared to be about equal in strength, but the Mets had their regular wing players out of the game and were weaker in pushing the play in the forward line in consequence.

In the second half it soon became apparent that the strength lay with the blue stripes of the Metropolis boys, and they were not long in landing the ball between the Canadians' goal posts. This made a break in the tie that had featured the first part of the game, and it was only a little time before the Mets followed up their first score with a second well-placed goal.

It was late in the second half before the Sons of Canada managed to get the leather between the posts of their opponents. They were again answered with a third score by the Mets, and the game stood at this till the final whistle blew.

The line-up of the team was as follows: Metropolis — Buckett; Maclellan and Louie; Gilliam, Dryden, Foster, Haywood and Cammish.

Sons of Canada — Robertson; A. Watson and Menzies; Copas, Lorenz and Hank Campbell; Kenny P. Campbell, T. Moffatt, Mulcahy and Waddington.

Sevensmen Victorious
A very even game resulted at the match between the Sons of England and the Thistles, held at the Beacon Hill ground. The Thistles won by two goals to one, but it was anybody's game right up to the finish. Both sides displayed weakness in front of their opponents' goal, and but for this it is quite possible that the Sons would have won, as they continually pressed the Thistles' goal, and only some first-rate work on the part of the goalie prevented them from scoring more often.

The first half was comparatively uneventful, until, however, for the Thistles, scored their first goal some twenty minutes after the commencement of the game. It was obvious that the sides were evenly matched, and throughout the game neither gained a definite advantage over the other.

In the second half the play became faster, and each side in turn assaulted their opponents' goal. The backs on both sides, however, were stronger than the opposing forwards, and time after time the ball was cleared from in front of goal just as it seemed certain that the forwards must score. About twenty minutes from time the Thistles broke through the Sons' defense, and a clever shot from their inside right resulted in another goal. This served the Sons to make a last effort, and from that time the ball hardly left the Thistles' half. Shot after shot was directed at the Thistles' goal, but the shooting was poor and most of the shots went wide, while some good chances were missed through fumbling at the goal mouth. Several excellent shots went true, however, and but for some spectacular saves by the Thistles' goalie, the game might have been a draw. As it was the score stood at 2 to 0 five minutes before time, when a fast shot from the Sons' inside right resulted in the final goal of the game.

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Aberdeen 2, Lincoln City 0.
Barnard 0, Nelson 2.
Ashington 1, Chesterfield 0.
Darlington 0, Crewe 1.
Grimsby Town 1, Halifax Town 1.
Durham 2, Walsingham 0.
Rochdale 2, Walsall 0.
Southport 5, Stalybridge C. 1.
Stockport C. 0, Trenmere 0.
Wiganboro 1, Hartlepool 0.

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Albion Rovers 1, Dunbarton 0.
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Glasgow 0, Falkirk 0.
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Huntly 2, Hamilton A. 0.
Hibernians 0, Rangers 0.
Morton 2, Aberdeen 1.
Motherwell 1, Airdrieonians 2.
Partick Thistle 1, Queens Park 0.
Raith Rovers 2, St. Mirren 1.
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Rothhouse Muls 4, Forfar 0.
Vale of Leven 1, East End 0.
Clackmannan 0, Cowdenbeath 1.
East Fife 1, Bathgate 1.
Northern
Bartley 22, Bramley 14.
Broughton 5, Salford 4.
Featherston 20, Hull Kingston 3.
Halifax 18, Dewsbury 10.
Hunslet 10, Rochdale 2.
Keighley 3, Wakefield 12.
Oldham 12, Winton 2.
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NO AMATEUR GAMES

Manager Lester Patrick, of the Arena, announced yesterday that there would be no amateur games Monday evening, as both the afternoon and evening would be devoted to skating. The band will be in attendance at both sessions. The amateurs will stage their games Wednesday evening.

SKIPPER WILL AGAIN BE ON THE BRIDGE

Oatman Expected to Get in Game Against Vancouver Tomorrow—Injury Is Nearly Healed

Things are mending. They're not back to normal yet by a long way, but the Aristocrats' machine is rapidly pulling into shape after the break, which occurred in Seattle last Wednesday. One of the main cogs in the old engine will start to function again on Monday afternoon, when the Aristocrats bump up against Lloyd Cook's red demons in Vancouver. That is to say, Captain Eddie Oatman will be back on his right wing job again. The skipper is still limping with a serious gash in his left foot—a nasty cut which he got during the first few minutes of last week's game in Seattle—but the team doctor announced last night that he would be able to take the ice, at least for a time, in the Christmas affair, and the same little warrior is as happy as a small boy on Christmas morning over it.

As a matter of fact, Eddie wanted to get into Friday's game here, but Manager Lester Patrick refused to allow him on the ice. "The season is young yet," he warned the captain. "We'll need you later on. Your job is to get back into shape as quickly as you can."

No Two Helpings
The rest from Wednesday to Monday has almost healed up Oatman's wound, so he will pack up his skates tonight after Christmas dinner and go over to Vancouver with his teammates. Speaking of Christmas dinners, they're not supposed to exist for hockey players. Fat turkey and plum puddings are taboo, except in small quantities. "Go easy on the eats," is the order which has gone forth to the Aristocrats, because Manager Patrick wants them to be in good shape for the Christmas party over on the Mainland.

Victoria's chances tomorrow night will depend upon a number of things. Captain Eddie's condition will have a lot to do with the final result. If the team skipper can play most of the game, the forward line will be altogether different from the one which the Mets had to battle with here last Friday. Without Oatman on the right wing, the combination which has been drilled into the team for a month does not seem to function properly, and it's particularly bad when Tommy Inderdale gets back into his old happy habits, as he did on Friday. If Tommy will think more of victory for the team than of his individual goal average, things will be a lot better this week. Long shots from the blue line and almost center ice, while they took nice when they pizze off a stick like Inderdale's, don't get anybody very far, particularly against a man like Happy Holmes. And they serve to ruin combination.

Too Big a Job
If Inderdale hadn't tried to win the game alone last Friday, and had kept on his wing instead of shooting off at tangents and bailing up the rest of the attack, Victoria would have had a better chance of winning.

The Cookies will fight like fiends to win tomorrow. They can't stand another defeat. It will be a hard time for the Aristocrats. As a matter of fact, they're looking forward with more confidence to the meeting with the Millionaires here next Friday. By that time everybody will be back into shape. The machine which went through four games without tasting failure will be hitting again on six cylinders.

VICTORIA GOLF CLUB

The following is the drawing for the New Year's two-ball foursomes, the first round of which must be played on or before January 1:

First Round
J. E. Wilson and A. D. King (handicap 27) vs. A. S. G. Musgrave and J. P. Babcock (handicap 23).
Colonel A. W. Jones and R. W. Gibson (handicap 29) vs. J. L. Mara and J. H. Wilson (handicap 25).
A. P. Luxton and W. T. Williams (handicap 41) vs. L. York and A. R. Robertson (handicap 44).
H. G. Garrett and J. Hutchinson (handicap 33) vs. H. Heisterman and Capt. Westmorland (handicap 36).
H. A. Rose and J. W. Morris (handicap 38) vs. L. E. Kent and Senator Barnard (handicap 34).
There were eleven byes in the first round.

Second Round
The following, not including the results of above, is the drawing for the second round, and must be played on or before January 2nd:

A. D. Crease and W. L. McIntosh (handicap 26) vs. Colonel Bennett and W. Pemberton (handicap 40).
Capt. Moore and H. G. Wilson (handicap 29) vs. R. Heisterman and R. Swinerton (handicap 41).
F. E. Winslow and J. N. T. Fell (handicap 42) vs. Dr. Lennox and A. T. Gledhill (handicap 33).
R. R. Sutherland and J. V. Scrivenor (handicap 28) vs. the result of the Ross-Morris, Kent-Barnard game.

H. H. Shandley and E. H. Hardie (handicap 29) vs. Mr. P. Barnard and A. P. Rutherford (handicap 37).
J. E. Dickson and J. C. Barnard (handicap 35) vs. C. H. Pitts and B. Wilson (handicap 28).
Three-eighths of the combined handicap will be allowed.

BAN JOHNSON SOUNDS A NOTE OF WARNING

Fears Slump in Baseball Prosperity—High Prices for Players Must Be Brought to Reasonable Level

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Club owners of the major and minor leagues must exercise discretion and stop paying exorbitant prices for players, or they are likely to have a sad awakening, according to Ban Johnson, president of the American League.

"Prosperity in the last two years has carried the magnates off their feet," said President Johnson today.

"We are and have been travelling along a false prosperity for the last two or three years, and the sooner we step down the better it will be for the game and for everybody concerned. Next season may not be so good for the owners. Good times have affected their heads, and they are unconsciously doing baseball an almost irreparable injury by inflating the prices on players as they have this year. There is likely to be a slump in baseball, and then some of the owners will wish they had kept the strings tied to their pocketbooks."

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Results of league soccer matches, played in the Old Country today, follow:

First Division
Aston Villa 1, Newcastle 1.
Bolton Wanderers 1, Blackburn Rovers 1.
Burnley 3, Middlesbrough 1.
Chelsea 1, Tottenham 2.
Everton 2, Manchester City 2.
Huddersfield 0, Cardiff City 1.
Manchester United 0, Liverpool 0.
Preston N. E. 2, Bradford City 1.
Sheffield United 1, Birmingham 2.
Sunderland 0, West Brom. 0.

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Barnsley 2, York City 1.
Bradford 0, Blackpool 0.
Bristol City 0, Notts Forest 1.
Clapton 4, Fulham 2.
Coventry 2, Sheffield Wed. 2.
Crystal Palace 1, Leyton United 0.
Derby County 2, West Ham 1.
Leicester 0, Bury 0.
Notts County 2, Hull City 0.
Stockport 1, Gillingham 1.
Wolverhampton 2, Shildes 2.

Third Division—Southern Sec.
Brentford 4, Bristol Rovers 2.
Brighton and Hove 0, Norwich 2.
Exeter City 1, Watford 3.
Gillingham 2, Stevenage Town 2.
Merthyr Town 2, Portsmouth 1.
Millwall 1, Luton Town 1.
Queens Park R. 3, Charlton Ath. 1.
Reading 1, Aldershot 1.
Southampton 5, Northampton 0.
Southend U. 1, Plymouth Argyle 0.
Swansea Town 2, Newport City 2.

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Mixed Foursomes
The mixed foursomes will be played on Monday, December 26. This is an 18-hole stroke competition. Half the combined handicap will be allowed and players will choose their own partners and opponents. There will be an entrance fee of \$1, and prizes will be two-thirds to the winners and one-third to the runners-up.

BOHEMIAN MAY BE POSSIBLE CONTENDER FOR JACK'S CROWN

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Frank Rose, a Bohemian heavyweight, has been suggested to Tex Rickard as a possible contender for Jack Dempsey's title. Rose is 28 years of age, weighs 185 lbs., and stands 5 feet 11 inches.



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Central Europe, and had yet to be knocked off his feet. Bartik told Rickard that Rose would arrive in this country early next year.

MUST HAVE TRANSFERS

All players who have been signed by Yarrow's P. C. this season must be properly transferred before playing for any other club, by filling of the B.C.F.A.

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Sid Sherritt's Benefit Soccer Game Tomorrow

NAVAL SOCCER TEAM WINS FROM WILSONS

Footballers From H. M. S. Raleigh Prove Much Too Good for Locals, Winning by Four to Nil

Yesterday's soccer game between H.M.S. Raleigh and Wilson's United Football Club at the stadium grounds created but little interest, there being not more than forty persons present to witness the match. The game was too one-sided to be very exciting to the spectators, the final score being 4 goals to nil in the sailors' favor.

The grounds were not in the best condition by a long way. Home parts of the field were hard, while other spots were trampled, and a number of players had difficulty in placing the ball with accuracy.

Superior combination was the motto of the sailors, and they truly lived up to their standard. Time and time again the boys in blue travelled the length of the field, outclassing the opposing forwards and half-backs, and engineering their way to the Wilson United full backs, who played a good game and more than once checked the dangerous attacks of the blue-jackets on the forward line.

The first half was decidedly in the sailors' favor. The local men were practically helpless before their opponents, who opened the match with an outburst of speed and aggressiveness, which remained unequalled. Blake was the first man to score, the sailor placing the ball between McKensie's legs for the opening tally.

About ten minutes later, Smith broke away and rushed towards the Wilson United's goal, and with a swift shot beat McKensie.

The sailors were now in good spirits and decided to keep up the good work. Shortly after the intermission, Smith again made the naval men's score larger, when he registered the third goal of the engagement. The Victoria boys, however, were pressing the sailors hard, but seemed weak when the time arrived for shooting. A well placed shot, which the local goalie had no opportunity to save, was responsible for the sailors' final goal shortly before the whistle went for time.

The teams lined up as follows:
H.M.S. Raleigh—Heathcote; Malcolm and Lawrence; Sullivan, Smith and Short; Keene, Stuart, Blake, Killian and Carter.
Wilson's United—McKenzie; Gardner and Moulton; Young, Church and Betchel; Gray, Savill, Rossiter, Bryant and Saunders.

Harry Greb Wins
SYRACUSE, N.Y., Dec. 24.—Harry Greb, of Pittsburgh, won a technical knockout over Whitey Allen, of New York, when the latter was forced to quit in the sixth round of their bout here last night. Greb punished Allen severely throughout the fight.

Grass Hockey Practices
The Victoria Grass Hockey Club's players are keeping in good shape for their coming engagements and practice games are being held regularly. Yesterday a good practice was held on the Jubilee Hospital ground, and another is called for Monday at 7:30.

Wiggins Beat Shado
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Chick Wiggins, of Indianapolis, outboxed and outbripped Billy Shado, of San Francisco, in practically every round of their 15-round bout here last night, and was given the decision. Both weighed 173 pounds.

SPORTING NEWS

H.M.S. Raleigh Wins Soccer From Wilsons

BENEFIT GAME WILL BE STAGED TOMORROW

Native Sons of Canada Play Rest of League at Royal Athletic Park—Wednesday League Games in Afternoon

Apart from the Christmas swim at the Gorge and club golf competitions, soccer football will furnish most of the sport attractions for tomorrow. Two Wednesday league games are to be played, being the regular fixtures which were postponed from last Wednesday owing to holiday conditions. The Garrison are down to play Weller at Work Point, and Spencer will meet the Retail Clerks at Beacon Hill. These games are scheduled to start at 2:30 p.m.

In the morning there will be a benefit match played, the proceeds from which will be given to Sid Sherritt to help pay his hospital bill. In this game the Native Sons of Canada will play against the rest of the league, and judging from the line-up on paper, this should afford a very good game. Kick-off will be at 10:30 at the Royal Athletic Park, and the teams will be as follows:

Native Sons—Shandley; Whyte and Taylor; Baker, Brynjolfsson and McKenzie; John Cummings, Pettigrew, Geo. Allen, J. Pedon and T. Heyland.
Y.D.F.A.—Leeming; Church and Copes; Roe, Allan and Potter; Cummings, Merrifield, Bloom, Muir and Clarkson.
Referee, Paulkner.

VICTORIA HEADS CANADA IN SALES

Agents of Great West Life Celebrate Success by Honoring Mr. J. C. Wilson, Branch Manager for Company

November was designated by the Great West Life Assurance Company as branch managers' month, the idea being to give the members of the agency staff of each branch an opportunity of demonstrating their loyalty to the managers by the production of a large volume of business during the month.

Some of the citizens seem to have the idea that Victoria is not in the front rank as a business centre, but this thought was dispelled so far as life insurance salesmanship is concerned, as the agency force of the Victoria branch of the company headed the list for the whole of Canada.

In addition to this honor bestowed upon the branch manager, Mr. J. C. Wilson, the agency staff, in a body, made a visit to Mr. Wilson's home last evening and presented Mrs. Wilson with a beautiful and valuable new style platinum and gold wrist watch, studded with diamonds, and Mr. Wilson with a valuable gold locket with the names of each member of his agency who contributed to Victoria's sales inscribed thereon.

Speeches were made by Captain Aitken, Captain Brown, Messrs. J. N. Anderson and W. C. Hudson, to which Mr. Wilson replied by expressing his appreciation of the spirit of comradeship and loyalty displayed.

HOCKEY STANDINGS

Team	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Seattle	4	2	1	9
Vancouver	3	4	2	8
Victoria	2	5	1	5

Individual Scoring

Player	Goals	Assists
Frederickson, Victoria	3	4
Funderud, Victoria	1	4
Mackay, Vancouver	1	4
Harris, Vancouver	1	4
Riley, Seattle	4	4
Adams, Vancouver	2	3
Walker, Seattle	2	3
Ricker, Seattle	2	3
Poyton, Seattle	2	3
Malden, Victoria	1	2
C. Laughlin, Victoria	1	2
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Morris, Seattle	1	2
Fraser, Seattle	1	2
Raines, Vancouver	1	2
Parkes, Vancouver	1	2
Johnson, Victoria	1	2
Mesking, Victoria	1	2
Briden, Seattle	1	2
Rowe, Seattle	1	2

Weller's Line-Up
The following players will represent Weller's against the Garrison in tomorrow's Wednesday League soccer match at Work Point: Jelliman, Newman and J. Hall; B. Hall, Swanton and A. Hilton; Livingstone, Stewart, Hay, Muir and Melinoyl. Reserves, C. Hilton and Mason.

WORLD HIKERS HAVE LARGE JOB ON HANDS

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—Ford Shubley and Charley Burkman, the two world hikers, who left Halifax October 4 on a tour around the world in an attempt to win a \$20,000 prize subscribed by sportsmen in the Maritime Provinces, have arrived here, having covered 970 miles. They will spend Christmas here and leave for Ottawa and Toronto next week.

The trip must be completed within three years, and a condition is that they must gather 35,000 signatures of Mayors and other civic authorities in the cities and towns through which they pass.

SWIMMERS WILL RACE AT GORGE TOMORROW

Christmas Handicap Will Be Held by V.A.S.C.—Medals Will Be Awarded to the First Three

Although present weather predictions would indicate that the wind will be tempered to the highly clad swimmers who participate in the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club's fifty yard handicap race at the club's pool at the Gorge tomorrow, it is hardly likely that any record will be established, as the water will probably be of considerably lower temperature than it was last year, when the annual affair was inaugurated, and cold water slows up swimmers.

The final list of entries was not available yesterday, and it may be that it will depend on how many can screw their courage to the sticking point when the morning arrives. However, it is fairly safe to predict that there will be enough starters to make an interesting race for the challenge cup presented by Captain Harbord, which will be handed to the winner after the race by Mrs. Harbord. In addition to this trophy for the winner, medals are to be given to the first three to finish by the Victoria and Island Development League.

The race is timed to start at 11 a.m., and the following officials will be in charge of the proceedings: Referee, Geo. I. Warren, C.A.S.A.; Judges, J. H. Beatty, Chamber of Commerce; A. T. Weight, Elks A.S.C.; W. H. Mearns, V.I.A.A., and J. T. Marshall, Y.M.C.A.; starter, J. J. Dunn, C.A.S.A.; check starter, A. Mernell, V.A.S.C.; and timekeeper, M. J. Little.

GEORGES SENDS HIS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

MAIDENHEAD, Eng., Dec. 24.—George Carpenter and his manager, Francois Descamps, who are here in preparation for Carpenter's boxing match with the Australian heavy-weight, George Cook, in London, January 12, today sent the following Christmas greetings through the Associated Press:

"We send to the American sportsmen our best wishes for Christmas and for the New Year."

HOCKEY BULLETINS FROM ALL THE RINKS

CLEVELAND, Dec. 24.—The Cleveland hockey team, last year's United States champions, opened the 1922 season here last night with a 12 to 4 victory over the Grand Mere team, of Montreal.

EDMONTON, Dec. 24.—In the Western Canada Hockey League fixture here last night, after fifteen minutes' overtime, E. Redden, of the Calgary Tigers, flipped the puck past Talbot for the winning goal. It was a somewhat fortunate counter, but Talbot worked hard for it. It would be impossible to imagine two teams more evenly matched, and it was only the break of the game that gave the victors the win. The score was 2 to 1.

BRANDON, Dec. 24.—Selkirk went into the lead for the Manitoba senior hockey title when they defeated Brandon 9 to 7 here last night.

JIM LONDOS WINS FROM JOHN ROGERS

SIoux FALLS, S.D., Dec. 24.—Jim Londos, Greek wrestling champion, defeated John Rogers, of Canada, here last night in a straight fall. The Greek secured the first fall of 55 minutes with a headlock and the second in 25 minutes with a head scissor. Londos weighed 190 and Rogers 229.

DES MOINES FIRE GUTS BUILDING

Contents of Bankers' Loan Five-Story Block Are Completely Destroyed—Companies Suffer Heavy Losses

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 24.—A Christmas Eve fire caused damage estimated at more than half a million dollars here tonight, resulting in the complete loss of the contents of the Bankers' Loan and Investment Company's five-story building at Sixth and Centre Streets.

The greatest loss was suffered by the Tessor Adding Machine Company, which occupied the third and fourth floors of the building. C. W. Rawson, president of the Adding Machine Company, said that it appeared to him the loss suffered by his firm would exceed \$600,000.

The Western Life Insurance Company, which occupied the top floor of the building, suffered the loss of valuable records.

For a time the fire threatened the Bristol apartment house and the Chamberlain Medicine Company. Both buildings suffered small losses.

The origin of the fire, which started on the third floor, is not known.

CONFERENCE MEETS IMMOVABLE BLOCK IN SUBMARINE WAY

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ultimate French declaration on the compromise proposal constitutes the point of departure for the resumption of negotiations on Tuesday.

Relative Strength
Under the American compromise plan, the submarine ratio would be, in round figures: Great Britain, 6; United States, 4; France, 4; Japan, 3 and Italy 2. The Italian proposal for parity with France at 11,500 tons would change this to approximately a 6-4-3-3-3 distribution, while if the Japanese built up from their present strength to 14,000 tons, as they suggest, they would have almost an equality with the reduced American and British submarine flotillas.

Neither American nor British expert naval opinion would accept such an appointment.

Present Tonnage
American figures on the present submarine strength of the five powers are: United States, 95,000 tons; Great Britain, 82,000 tons; France, 42,000; Japan, 32,000, and Italy, 22,000 tons. In contrast with the Italian desire to accept only equal submarine tonnage with France, it was stated that Italy would prefer to have France scale down her submarine fleet 20,000 tons to equal the present Italian fleet; but if that could not be done, Italy would demand the right to build up to the French 42,000-ton aggregate. The 21,500 tons for both was a compromise proposal.

On the basis of capital strength, as already accepted, France would have a submarine tonnage of about 30,000, as against 90,000 each for the United States and Great Britain. The new American plan, however, would permit France to have 42,000 tons, as against 40,000 each for the United States and Great Britain.

Proposed Reduction
Aside from their contention for suppression of submarines as a world policy, the British delegates have indicated that if submarines were to be retained they would urge reduction in retained tonnage from the original American plan. They have suggested 65,000 (instead of 90,000 tons as the figure they thought about right for Great Britain and the United States). The American compromise meets the British suggestion on this contention, by proposing to cut American and British strength in submarines from 90,000 to 60,000 tons.

In the same way, the 42,000-ton figure for France may be compared with the desire of the French experts for 90,000 tons, and is also apparently an effort to meet half way the French desire to increase submarine tonnage, as it would meet half way the British desire to reduce.

Another feature of the American compromise that stands out is that, while it proposes a middle-of-the-road course, as to both British desires to reduce and French desires to increase submarine tonnage, the net result for the five powers would be a substantial reduction in their aggregate tonnage, as Great Britain and the United States would scrap nearly 60,000 tons in submarines.

Further Study
What will be done with the British abolition proposal was not apparent tonight, but the suggestion for the creation by the conference of a continuing commission to study the

ARENA APPOINTMENTS.

Week beginning December 26.

Monday:
10:30 to 1—Victoria Skating Club.
3:15—Public Skating (Band).
5:15-10:30—Public Skating (Band).
Tuesday:
3:15—Public Skating.
6:15-7:15—Junior Hockey League.
7:15-8:15—Garage Hockey League.
8:15-10:30—Public Skating (Band).
Wednesday:
3:15—Public Skating.
6:15-7:15—Garage Hockey League.
8:15-10:30—Victoria Amateur League (Double-header).
Thursday:
3:15—Public Skating.
6:15-7:15—Junior Hockey League.
7:15-8:15—Senior Amateurs.
8:15-10:30—Public Skating (Band).
Friday:
3:15—Public Skating.
8:30—Pro. Hockey (Vancouver vs. Victoria).
Saturday:
10-12—School Hockey.
3:15-4:15—Public Skating (Band).
7:15-8:15—Garage Hockey League.
8:15-10:30—Public Skating (Band).

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whole submarine question seemed to be gaining considerable favor. If it did not recommend total abolition, such a commission would be expected to make recommendations for restriction of submarine warfare in such a way as to prevent recurrence of the submarine horrors of the world war.

Anacosta Copper's Financing
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Anacosta Copper Mining Company has announced an issue of 223,125 shares of treasury stock to shareholders at \$50 a share on a basis of one share to every ten shares held, to finance the acquisition of the American Brass Company.

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FEW MARINE MISHAPS DURING PAST MONTHS

British Columbia May Pride
Themselves on Year's Record—Few Serious Casualties to Shipping

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—British Columbia Coast casualties during the year now closing reveal nothing serious in the way of loss of lives or ships. The Coast waters, indented with inlets, dotted with islands, scattered with rocks, are admittedly trying to navigators who do not know them thoroughly and the following short list, with the brief description of the injuries suffered, is a high tribute to the efficiency of the officers of large and small freight and passenger steamers that ply up and down the inland passages and even venture out to the open Pacific.

January 12.—Tugboat Marva sunk in Second Narrows. Was salvaged.

January 29.—Steamship Chekanus struck rock at Whaletown; damage slight.

February 10.—Princess Beatrice ashore on Steep Island, Sabine Pass, considerable damage.

February 11.—Steamer Anson struck Head Island; slight damage.

April 1.—E. D. Kingsley aground Ladysmith Harbor; little damage.

May 13.—Chilwee aground at Imperious Reef, Nanaimo Bay; beached for examination and found not seriously damaged.

June 16.—Tugboat sunk in Evening Cove; raised.

July 5.—Canadian Rover, fire in bunkers at Ocean Falls.

July 14.—Lady Kinderley in collision with tugboat Holyske and barge; suffered damage to frame and plating.

July 21.—Steamer Canadian Exporter aground and lost on Willapa Spit.

August 5.—Steamship Canadian struck Cliff Island; slight damage.

August 15.—Steamer Chelovin, in fog, struck Table Island; damage to eighteen planks.

August 24.—Princess Maguina on rocks, West Coast, but off by own steam; injuries not extensive.

August 14.—Princess Kna aground on Gordon Point, Cormorant Island, not serious, and off under own power.

August 25.—Canadian Importer reported helpless and in distress 625 miles southwest of Flattery. Recovered after several days' search, towed to port, and is again at sea.

September 3.—Government steamer Givensy sunk by rising tide while aground near Bella Bella. Recovered and now at sea again.

October 4.—Steamship Arlsonan struck San Juan Island in fog and suffered heavy damage. Repaired at Seattle.

November 14.—Steamship Canadian Farmer aground at Nanaimo and floated with little damage.

November 21.—Steamer Cowichan stranded at Welcome Pass in snowstorm; floated and proceeded.

December 3.—Steamship stranded at Cortes Island; slight damage.

December 8.—Canadian Rover aground at Campbell River, but off by tide and her own power; damage slight.

December 16.—San Antonio aground at Roche Point, and suffered damage to bottom planks and frames.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

Wireless Report

(By Government wireless)

Dec. 24, 8 A.M.

Estevan—3 p.m., Charlie Watson, San Francisco for Victoria, 245 miles from San Francisco; 8 p.m., Canadian Ekimisher, 573 miles from San Francisco inbound; 8 p.m., Barrymore, 276 miles from Flattery inbound; 8 p.m., Woodarra, San Francisco for Glasgow, 70 miles from San Francisco; 8 p.m., Empress of Russia, 60.32 north 148.55 west, inbound; 8 p.m., Empress of Japan, 48.35 north 132.40 west, outbound; Africa Maru due quarantine morning, Dec. 27.

Bull Harbor—8:40 p.m., spoke Camoun, Dowerker Island, southbound.

Evening Report

Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 10:15; 21; smooth.

Cape Lazo—Cloudy; northwest; light; 10:12; 20; smooth; 5:45 p.m., spoke Mississippi arriving Nanaimo.

Estevan—Clear; calm; 10:10; 30; smooth.

Alert Bay—Clear; calm; 10:15; 30; smooth; Ventura passed out 9 a.m., north.

Bull Harbor—Clear; calm; 10:00; 30; smooth; 2:15 p.m., spoke Canadian Farmer, ahead Hero Point, 3 p.m., northbound; 2:20 p.m., spoke Camoun leaving Rivers Inlet, southbound; 4:45 p.m., spoke Latouche, due Ketchikan 3 a.m., southbound.

Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 10:01; 22; smooth.

Ocean Falls—Clear; calm; 10:10; 25; smooth.

Steamer Movements

Frederick VIII, at New York, from Copenhagen.

Baltic, at Queenstown, from New York.

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—Arrived: City of Spokane, Vancouver; Red Hook, New Orleans; Lyman Stewart, Okla. Railed: Wenatchee, Yokohama.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Rose City, Edmond Luckenbach, San Francisco; England Maru, Muroran. Railed: John C. Kirkpatrick, Los Angeles.

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Angeles; Senator, San Francisco. TACOMA, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Northwestern, Alaska. Railed: City of Spokane, Yokohama, via ports.

MANILA, Dec. 21.—Tindareus, Tacoma.

EMDEN, Dec. 20.—Norman Monarch, Portland, Ore.

KOBE, Dec. 20.—Hawaii Maru, Tacoma.

TIDES AT VICTORIA

December, 1921

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The time used is Pacific Standard for the 12th Meridian west.

2 to 21 hours, from midnight to midnight.

The figure for high tide is the height of high water from low water.

High Water from Low Water. Where there is a tide gauge, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tide periods without turning.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above average level of lower low water.

Equivalents.—To find the depth of water on the sill of the dredge at any tide, add 12 feet to the height of high water as above given.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Time of Sunrise and Sunset (Pacific Standard Time), at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1921.

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At the Royal All This Week



Miss Eva Hart, the Popular Soprano, Who Will Be the Leading Lady in "Babes in the Wood," at the Royal All Week.

THREE LINERS EN ROUTE FROM ORIENT

Russia Docking Monday—
Africa Maru on Tuesday—
Keystone State Coming With
Silk Shipment for Thursday

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamship Fuchin Maru is posted to clear outboard on Thursday. She will have average passenger list and a full cargo.

The Nawaoka freighter Brush put to sea in the afternoon of yesterday from Vancouver. After calling at San Francisco and San Pedro she passes through the canal for Atlantic coast ports.

The oil tanker El Lobo is coming up coast with crude oil from Lobos, Peru. She is expected to pass in the quarantine line Sunday night or early Monday morning.

Three passenger liners are berthing here from the Orient this week, while two will clear outboard to Atlantic ports.

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia is leading the way in from sea, and is due to tie up at the dock about 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

According to reports, the Russia has a light list, the saloon passengers numbering only about seventy-five.

Tuesday morning the Osaka Shosen Kaisha steamship Africa Maru is due from Yokohama with a small list of passengers. For Victoria she has one saloon and sixteen staterooms. Some five hundred tons of Chinese New Year's merchandise are aboard the vessel for discharge here.

The Keystone State, of the Admiral Line's trans-Pacific service, may make port on Thursday evening, according to present expectations. She is not due until the 26th, but is being pushed along in an effort to cut time from the passage from Yokohama, the intention being to set up a record for handling of silk cargo from Japan to New York, if possible. The vessel has one thousand bales of this valuable commodity for the New Jersey mills, and preparations are being made at Seattle to get it away for the East with as short a delay as possible.

Matter of Silk Records

The Wenatchee at present is the record holder among the ships of the Admiral Line for fast transport of silk. The bales brought across by the Wenatchee on her last trip were landed in New York over the Northern Pacific rails in fourteen days, eighteen hours and a few minutes from the time the ship left Yokohama. At Seattle this time is claimed to be the best established by any steamship line or route, including that through Vancouver. On this side of the border, however, there is a different opinion. It would be a slow shipment over the Canadian Pacific system that took nearly fifteen days to reach New York from Yokohama.

The Keystone State cleared from the Japanese port at midnight on December 19, and may be expected here at any time on Thursday. She has a total of 474 tons for Seattle, practically all silk, 114 tons for Victoria and 125 tons for Vancouver. The Vancouver freight will be transhipped at Seattle.

The working of the ballast of the Italian steamer Knoxville City, at anchor in Royal Roads, is taking longer than expected. She is now posted to leave for Port Alice at noon on Monday.

The Manila Maru, of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha service, sails outboard on Tuesday of this week. The Africa Maru docks on the morning of the same day.

The French steamer Mississippi, of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, passed in from sea yesterday morning from continental ports via the canal and San Francisco. She

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CHINESE EMBARK FOR HOME ON WENATCHEE

Party from Washington Conference Sailed for Orient on
Liner Last Night—200
Steerage From B. C.

Twenty-two Chinese officials who represented China at the Pacific conference at Washington, which preceded the disarmament meeting, passed through Victoria last night as passengers aboard the Admiral Wenatchee on their way home to the Orient. They had remained in Washington to present the case of China to the arms conference as well.

Abrogation of foreign post offices in China was the greatest accomplishment of the delegation, according to the members. They were highly gratified at the decision of the foreign powers to withdraw from the post arrangements of the country, and permit the Chinese postal department to take over the work.

While the delegation did not succeed in securing the abolition of extraterritorial privileges—the administration of justice to aliens through courts of their home nation instead of through the Chinese courts—the delegates feel they made considerable progress in having a committee appointed from Western nations to investigate Chinese jurisprudence with a view to abolishing foreign courts in China within a few years.

Dr. Fo, head of a commission engaged in codifying the laws of China, was head of the party, which formed the greater part of the first class list of the Wenatchee.

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tion have been postponed until the second Monday in January, when all members are expected to reassemble in full force.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moss returned yesterday from England, where they have been on an extended visit.

Miss Myrtle Cox, of Vancouver, is spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Mollie Birch, on Dallas Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harper, of Vancouver, and Mr. H. Ross, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Ross, Moss street.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ritchie and family, of Seattle, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Plummer, Pemberton Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Appleby have removed from their residence on McClure Street and taken up their residence at 1182 Esplanade Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson-Jones have left Cowichan Station and have taken up their residence at the Balmoral Hotel for the winter months.

Mrs. H. F. Bailey, captain, wishes all guides and their guests a very merry Christmas and many recruits in the New Year.

Mrs. Davenport, of Pender Island, visiting in this city, where she is the guest of Mrs. Duncan McTavish, Pendergast Street.

Mrs. J. H. Todd, Fairfield Road, was the hostess at a most delightful children's party yesterday afternoon in honor of her numerous grandchildren and their friends.

Members of the Kumtuka Club and the many friends of Miss Lottie Bowron will be pleased to hear that she is making satisfactory progress at Dr. Cleland's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Burdick and Mr. and Mrs. George M. Lindsay, of Vancouver, have arrived in the capital to spend Christmas with Mrs. J. McE. Smith.

Mrs. B. M. Johnson, 194 Joseph Street, has as her house guest Mrs. M. B. Smith, of Naramata, B.C., who is making an extended visit in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Kent and Mr. and Mrs. T. Kent, of Vancouver, have arrived in the city and will spend the Christmas holidays as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hopkins, of Hopkine Landing, arrived in Victoria yesterday morning, and will spend the Christmas holidays here visiting with relatives.

Another exceptionally bright and jolly Christmas party was given by Mrs. J. A. Ritchie in her Rockland Avenue home yesterday for her children. The afternoon was spent with games and dancing.

Capt. and Mrs. J. H. Lawrence and two daughters have arrived from Camp Lewis, Washington, to visit their mother, Mrs. C. Schmetz, of 2924 Chambers Street, and relatives and friends.

The Empress Hotel has arranged for a special table d'hôte dinner for this evening. An attractive and appropriate musical programme has been arranged and the orchestra will be assisted during the evening by Mrs. Jesse Longfield, contralto.

Mrs. Wm. Bell and Master Gordon Bell, of Vancouver, arrived in the city on Friday afternoon to spend Christmas with Mrs. Bell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bell, 2101 Esplanade Avenue. Captain Bell arrived yesterday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Griffiths, of Oscar Street, left yesterday for Vancouver, where they will be the guests of Mrs. Griffiths' sister, Mrs. A. S. Bull, over the holidays. Dr. Griffiths expects to return to the city on Tuesday, but Mrs. Griffiths will remain in the Mainland city until the New Year.

A marriage has been arranged and will take place at 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening, December 27, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, between Violet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, and Joseph Carlisle Hosale. Following the ceremony a reception will be held at 1924 Davis Street.

In response to numerous inquiries the many musical friends and pupils of Miss Nora Atkinson, 1635 Chandler Street, will be interested to know that she is reading in London, England, for some months, where she is taking the teachers' course and continuing her violin studies most successfully, under Mr. Arthur Bent, at the Royal College of Music.

The president and members of the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral wish most gratefully to thank the Women's League and all their other friends who have so generously sent contributions of money, groceries, meat, etc., to help them fill their annual Christmas boxes. This year they had forty-five boxes to send, and spent a busy day on Friday packing them.

Mr. Walter N. Campbell, son of Rev. Dr. Campbell, of this city, is home from Prince George for Christmas holidays. He has been engaged in the Forestry Department in that district ever since his return from overseas, two years ago. He resigned from that same work in the Autumn of 1914 and enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders, and left for the front with the 39th Battalion early in 1915.

Mrs. George Bushby has very kindly lent her home on St. Charles Street for the dramatic reading of Ibsen's "Doll's House," which is being given under the auspices of the Literary Society on Friday evening, January 6th. All members of the Literary Society are invited.

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Showing at Columbia Theatre



Scene From the Great Dramatic Foreign Play at the Columbia This Week

ary Society and their friends are invited to attend. The cast of the play will be announced later. Major Bullock-Webster and Mrs. Geo. Bushby will play two of the principal parts.

The Skating Club will meet as usual on Monday, but between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. instead of 4-7 in the evening. The change has been made to enable Mr. Patrick to make an appearance on the ice. Those who have not observed the Monday afternoon date the big holiday crowd who will be skating in the evening. Officers of H.M.S. Raleigh have been made guests of the club during their stay in Victoria. Those who have not their own skates may procure them from the renting office at the Arena. Tomorrow's Skating Club hours will be observed on Monday, following New Year's Day, January 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Trevelyan Lemon, of 311 St. James Street, formerly of Keating, were the recipients on Friday of two beautiful presents. Mr. W. D. Mitchell, on behalf of the South Saanich Farmers' Institute, presented Mr. Lemon with a very handsome gold fountain pen, and Mrs. W. D. Mitchell, on behalf of the South Saanich Women's Institute, gave Mrs. Lemon a beautiful silver vegetable bowl. These gifts were very much appreciated by Mr. and Mrs. Lemon, who were members for nine years, taking a great interest in every undertaking in the district, and were charter members.

The weekly The Danstair at the Empress Hotel was very well attended by guests yesterday afternoon, when the strenuous "Christmas shopping" was postponed for a few hours of enjoyment. A huge Christmas tree centring the ballroom added a festive touch to the ensemble. Among the guests were Dr. and Mrs. Forrest Leeder, Miss Leeder, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Yarrow, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Bull, over the holidays. Captain and Mrs. Carvoso, Captain and Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Raymur, Mrs. Corning, the Misses Pemberton, Miss Kitter, Miss Gladys Irving, Miss Michaelis, Miss B. Mackinnon, Miss Yvonne Cox, Miss Verlen Combe, Miss Audrey Rant, Miss Vera Sheldon, Mr. Winnipeg, Messrs. Kennard, K. Raymur, Captain Weeks, Mr. Corfe, Mr. Ryden, Messrs. Com. Stevenson and Major Harvey.

Miss Ethel Hall, R.N., who left on Thursday night's boat to spend Christmas with her parents at Kelowna, B.C., has resigned her position as supervisor of the surgical ward of the Jubilee Hospital. Previous to her departure she was the recipient of presentations from the other supervisors and also the undergraduates, all expressing regret at her departure. Miss Hall, after graduating at the Jubilee Hospital, enlisted for service as a war nurse with the United States troops and was stationed at different times in the States. For these services she was awarded recently the Bronze Medal issued by the United States Government. After a well-earned holiday spent in the Okanagan, Miss Hall intends practicing her profession in the States and will leave for California early in the New Year.

Starring at the Variety Theatre this week in her latest picture is Miss Nell Shipman, better known to a wide circle of friends in this city as Miss Helen Barham, formerly of Victoria. Miss Helen Barham resided with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barham, at Beacon Hill several years ago, and as a small child attended the South Park School, and later a well known private school for girls. Shortly after this period Mr. and Mrs. Barham left for Seattle, where they took up their residence, accompanied by their little daughter, who even in her youth showed remarkable histrionic ability, and eventually started her career as a vaudeville artist, later joining the "novelty" in the film showing this week. "The Girl From God's Country." Miss Shipman has ample scope for the exhibition of her exceptional talents, the story centres around Winnipeg, Man., and the scenes are of remarkable beauty, while the plot of the play is enthralling throughout the reels.

PORT ALBERT

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Pearce left on Wednesday for Portland and Victoria. Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Copas and son have gone to Victoria to spend the Christmas season with relatives.

Mr. W. M. Browne and Mr. H. G. Winter are spending the holidays in Victoria.

Mr. R. C. Philpott, of the Pacific Cable Boat Station at Ramfield, is in town for a couple of days.

Miss M. M. Brown, of Victoria, is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. R. F. Blandy.

Mr. A. G. Freeze, Government Agent at Alberni, has been granted a month's leave, and has left for his native Province, New Brunswick.

Mr. J. G. Brown, of Victoria, Inspector of Public Buildings under the Dominion Government, was here on an inspection trip this week.

Mr. John Manuel, of Alberni, blacksmith, has just returned from a visit to his parents in Dalkeith, Scotland.

Miss Ethel Mackay, of Victoria, who is a graduate of Edinburgh University, has been appointed by the School Board to take charge of the High School at the beginning of the term.

Mrs. Ada Bacon, who has been teaching temporarily since the resignation of Miss Sutton, has now been appointed to the permanent staff.

BRENTWOOD

Mr. E. Bidwell is leaving for New Westminster on Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Stephens and Mr. H. Stephens, of Bamerton, spent Thursday in the city.

Miss Lillian Johnson and her little sister, Norah, of Victoria, are the guests of their friend, Lillian Satterthwaite, of Bamerton.

LADIES' SELECT CHOIR WILL GIVE CONCERT

Extensive Programme Prepared for Presentation at Cathedral Schoolroom Tuesday Evening Next

The "Ladies' Select Choir" will give a concert in the Cathedral schoolroom on Tuesday at 8 p.m. The programme is as follows:

Choir, "Last Night" Kjerulf Song, "Ocean, Thou Mighty Monster" Oberon-Weber Trio, "Lift Thine Eyes", Mendelssohn Misses Clara Hick, Dorothy Carter, Mrs. Cook Song, "Flower Song" (Faust) Gounod Mrs. L. Mrs. Georgina Watt Humorous, Selected. Jack Carter Song, "Bird of Love Divine" Haydn Wood Miss Clara Hick Duet, "My Boat is Waiting Here" Smart Mrs. Georgina Watt, Miss Dorothy Carter, Mrs. Cook Song, "Invictus" Bruno Huns Mr. Sidney J. Carter Choir, "Bridal Chorus" Cowen Trio, "Three Little Maids" Mikado Misses Dorothy Carter, Clara Hick, Mrs. Georgina Watt Humorous, Selected. Jack Carter Choir, "Comrades Song of Hope" Adams Song, "The Swallow" Cowen Miss Isabel Taylor Song, "The Deathless Army" Trotter Mr. Sidney J. Carter Song, "The Lady of the Lake" Smart Mrs. Georgina Watt Choir, "Fly, Singing Bird, Fly" Elgar Song and Chorus, "Sing Me to Sleep" Green Miss Isabel Taylor Choir, "In This Hour" Pinault Accompanists: Miss Brandon, Master F. Wire Conductor: Prof. J. D. Town. "God Save the King."

SAYS SCHOOLS GIVE POOR VALUE HERE

Mr. Thomas Thirkell, Candidate for Board of Trustees, Says Educational Reform is Needed

"The alarming rise in the cost of education," was given last night by Mr. Thomas Thirkell as his reason for entering the school board contest. He announced that he was definitely in the field.

"I am confident," he said, "that results do not warrant expenditures. First, it ought to be the duty of trustees to eliminate all frills, and there are many. Then bring all the pressure possible to bear with the Minister of Education and the Council of Public Instruction."

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When Christ was born in Bethlehem*

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*Ring out! Ring out!
Those joyous notes,*

*Through every Christian land on
earth
This message of two thousand years
The benediction of the BIRTH:*

*"Peace on Earth
Goodwill to Men"*





The Birth of Santa Claus

HUNDREDS of years ago, before there were any motor cars, or trains, or big steamers or aeroplanes, in a little village far away among high mountains, there lived a lot of little Elves.

The Elves were the kindest little souls in the world, but they were not always happy, and every Winter, when the cold snow lay on the ground and the great lake outside the village was frozen, they used to sit down by their fires at night and cry. They were sad because they knew that in a city, not far away, the children were suffering from cold and hunger. The Elves knew this, because, at night, they used to fly to the city, where they saw many sights that made their hearts ache. Poor little boys and girls, who had no homes, were shivering with the cold.

The Elves could make themselves invisible, and sometimes they climbed down the chimneys, or jumped in through the keyholes, and then they saw many sad things. In one house there was a small cripple boy who had no toys to play with and hardly enough covering on his bed. The Elves felt very sorrowful, because they could do nothing to help him.

One night, when they were returning home through the woods, they saw a big snowball rolling along the ground.

"That's a queer thing!" they cried. "It's quite flat round here, but the snowball is running all the time."

One of the Elves, named Peter, ran after this strange ball. He caught it up in his little woolly gloves and then cried out with astonishment, "Brothers, it's all warm, and soft like a baby rabbit! There's something moving inside it!" When the others touched this strange ball they were just as surprised as Peter.

"Let's take it home," they cried. So Peter put the snowball in the pocket of his fur coat, and all the way home it jumped about like a jack-in-the-box. When the Elves reached the village they went straight to Peter's house, lighted the lamp and sat solemnly round the table. Then Peter took the snowball from his pocket, and set it on the table. By lamplight it appeared a pretty pink color.

Now a wonderful thing happened. The snow began to melt, and little blue rivers ran all over the table and on to the rush carpet. Then, suddenly, the Elves gave a whoop of astonishment, for there, before their eyes, lay a beautiful baby boy! He was only a foot long, but so plump and jolly, with rosy cheeks and crisp, curly hair, and a smile that made the Elves laugh for joy.

The baby did not seem at all embarrassed by the strange company. He just sat up and laughed at the gaping faces round him.

"Where in the world did he come from?" asked an old Elf.

"Fancy being born in a snowball!" cried another.

"I guess he's the Snow King's son," remarked a fat little man with a flowing beard. "We must get a nurse to look after him," said Peter. "I'm going to fetch my wife."

Peter's wife was the sweetest wee creature you can imagine. She was very tiny, but so clever. She could cook and sew and paint and scrub, and was never tired. Although she had no children of her own, she loved them dearly, and she went into ecstasies over the beautiful baby whom Peter had found in the snowball.

Mrs. Peter set to work immediately to make the baby a lovely cradle out of sweet grasses. She lined it with moss, and inside she put tiny linen sheets and a dainty pillow stuffed with swan's-down. Over the cradle she spread a coverlet of silk which she had spun herself. Under Mrs. Peter's care the baby grew fatter and lovelier every day, and his sweet, happy disposition made him loved by all the inhabitants of Elf-land.

When the baby was three months old the Elves decided to hold a meeting in their Town Hall to discuss the subject of his christening. But, after talking for nearly a whole day, they could not decide what name they should give to the baby. When it was nearly midnight Peter got up on the platform, and cried, "I think I shall have to call my wife." The others thought this was a good idea. So they sent for Mrs. Peter, and she came, post-haste, dressed in her scarlet cloak and high bonnet, and her cheeks were all aglow.

"Heigh-ho!" she cried, "so you can't think of a name for baby. I say we must call him Nicholas."

"That's a pretty name!" exclaimed the Elves. "Nicholas, Nicholas. Yes, we will call the baby Nicholas!"

And as the child grew up he was so beautiful and so good that the Elves called him Little Saint Nicholas. When he was four years old they made him a little sleigh, to which they harnessed some young reindeer. Then Little Saint Nicholas took long drives over the country, and sometimes at night, with the Elves for company, he went to visit the things that happened there, his heart was sad, and he made up his mind to do something for these poor children. So he asked the Elves to build him a little workshop in the forest, and then he began making toys for the children who lived in the city. The next year, when Christmas came, little Saint Nicholas and his dear friends, the Elves, were able to give a present to each child.

Every year he made more and more presents, and, at last, the children in other countries received his gifts too. Each year the workshop grew larger, and about a month before Christmas it was piled from ceiling to floor with wonderful toys. When Saint Nicholas grew up to be a man, his fame spread all over the world, and children spoke of him with shining eyes and bated breath.

Now he is very, very old, and his hair has grown white like the snow, and he has a long white beard, but in his kind blue eyes still

shines the light of youth, and round his mouth plays a happy smile. He will never die, because, if his spirit left the world, all joy would go, and people would die of broken hearts.

In many countries Saint Nicholas is called Santa Claus. But he is the same dear, kind old man who sheds the spirit of Christmas in our hearts.



WILL HE COME?

By F. J. Mortimer, F.R.P.S.

It's foolish not to go to sleep. Because you'll never get a peep At Santa Claus if you will keep Detecting.

It holds the same for man and beast. That, though the East is always East, Yet life is full of what we're least Expecting.

Our Essays

THE editor wants to thank all the boys and girls who joined in the Essay Competition. Never before has the work been so good on the whole.

Especially was this true of those whose subject was an "Autumn Walk." Besides the prize winners mentioned, others are worthy of mention. The essays in the First Class by Miss Evelyn Forde, of Oak Bay High School, and Miss Eleanor McLeod, of Victoria, deserve special commendation, and will both be published.

Cecilia O. Gay, of Merritt, and Betty Allan, of South Park School, described an Autumn walk in a very interesting way, and you will be pleased to read several others. Joan Witby, of the First Division Girls' Central School, wrote an essay on "Birds," full of information.

The prize awarded to Walter Tuttle for his description of the fishing industry was only a little better than that by Vivian Whalley and Gilbert Margison, South Park School, about lumbering.

So many nice stories were sent in about "My Pet" that the editor wished there were twenty or more dollars to give away instead of one. You will have a chance to read nearly all of these stories.

A word more must be said about the story written by Velda W. Rithet, who is in the Second Form in St. George's School. This is above the Junior Grade, though the bright little girl is only nine years old. You will all like to read about "My Pet Larry."

The editor extends a hearty invitation to all competitors, as well as other young folk, to write to this page on any subject of interest. If you have any questions to ask, we will be glad to set aside a corner for answers.

Successful Competitors

The names of the prize winners for essays written for the competitions in the Children's Page are:

1. Jane W. Skelton, 1720 Davie Street, Oak Bay High School, Preliminary Grade.
 2. Lucy E. Shaw, 2070 Fourth Street, Willows School, Senior Grade.
 3. Walter F. Tuttle, Alberni, Alberni School, Intermediate Grade.
 4. Trevor Michael Green, Greendale, Cowichan, Cowichan Lake School, Junior Grade.
- Ruth Lees, 219 Quebec Street, Victoria, Kingston Street, Junior Grade, equal.

A LATE BUTTERFLY

Dear Editor,—Last week daddy found two little butterflies under an oak log. He brought them in and gave them to me. They were quite large and just alike. They were reddish brown, with crinkly yellow edges on their wings, and they had a mark on each of their wings like an eye. Just at the edge of the brownish color there were narrow dots. I put the butterflies on the kitchen curtains so they could get warm. They got quite lively after a while. We left them there till the next morning. I was going to send them to you so you could see such late butterflies.

Wild Life on Vancouver Island

THE SCREECH OWL

WHEN the grey dusk steals in and settles over our city and country sides, the silence is often broken by a weird and pathetic call coming from out some dark thicket. Perhaps you have seen the owner of this queer voice silhouetted against the moon. This dusky little ball of feathers, perched high up on some bare limb, or drifting across space in his soft, noiseless flight, is the "Screech Owl"—the little fellow with the mysterious voice. It is the stillness of a Summer's night, lighted by the silvery moonbeams, that causes the youth's thoughts to turn to love, and such it is with the Screech Owl, as he sits before the door of their home, a cavity in some old tree, and furnishes his wife with a nightly serenade.

The Screech Owl is about as long as a robin, but his heavily feathered body gives him a much more chubby appearance. Although the body of the Owl is small, one will find upon examination that it is made up of a great many cord-like muscles that make him a very strong bird for his weight. His plumage is very peculiar, for the Screech Owl wears either a coat of reddish brown or mottled grey; spoken of as the "brown" and the "grey" phrase. This coloring has nothing to do with age or sex, and often in the same family will be found birds attired in different colored coats. The peculiarity of his eyes, being fixed solid in their bony sockets, means that instead of shifting his gaze, he must turn his head to see in the different directions. His big, round eyes give him a gentle look, but let some mouse, or even quite a large bird, make its appearance, and without the least hesitation he will pounce upon either, his sharp hooked beak and his strong talons making him a dangerous antagonist.

An incident which I shall relate will show that the Screech Owl's savagery will go so far that he sometimes turns to cannibalism. When a boy I had in my possession four young Screech Owls confined in a large cage. They seemed not to mind the captive life they led, and from the half-grown fledglings they grew to mature and well-feathered birds. They became very tame, and I thought my four pets, which at dusk would feed from my hand, were the gentlest of birds. They were very hearty eaters, and food that I placed in the cage at night was usually all gone when I visited them in the morning. But one morning, on making my

regular visit to their cage, I was surprised to notice the absence of one of my pets. A careful search revealed no opening or exit through which he might make his escape, and it was only after making another careful survey of the cage that I discovered what remained of the missing owl. I could hardly believe it of the three innocent looking owls, perched on a stick in the top of the cage; but there, partly hidden in the corner, was the skeleton of their own brother, picked perfectly clean of all flesh. The evidence was very strong indeed; in fact, so plain that the bloody beaks of the three owls marked them as murderers of their own kin.

The Screech Owl, with his prominent ear tufts and his small size, is probably the best known of the numerous owl tribe. He shows little fear of man, and takes up his abode in our city parks or orchards, appropriating any hollow or crevice that may happen to suit his fancy.

Finding a convenient hollow, the female owl lays from three to five white eggs, much more round in shape than the average bird's egg. The young owls being covered with a soft down, do not present such an ugly appearance as do some of our other naked young birds.

In his favorite hollow, in the recess of some dark thicket, or even in an old building, the Screech Owl keeps closely hidden during the day, but as the first shadows of night fall, he flies forth in search of food, and together he and the bats take the place of the day birds, which have sought shelter for their night's repose. Birds as a whole seem to have a special spite against the owl. Let some wandering crow or jay bird discover an owl hiding in a thick tree, and the finder will immediately call all his friends, and together they proceed to rout the sleepy owl from his leafy retreat. Every bird in the neighborhood will join in the scolding and mocking chorus, till the bewildered owl is glad to make his escape into some more secluded spot, where he can finish the nap which the mischievous birds so rudely disturbed.

The owl needs very little sympathy, for he goes about well armed with his hooked beak and his strong, sharp talons, and is perfectly able to hold his own place in this world against all other birds. His nocturnal habits make him quite safe from the attacks of man, and the world is his while man lies wrapped in the robes of slumber.

CLEMENT L. KAUFMAN.

OLD FATHER CHRISTMAS

Once upon a time there was a very old man. One day, as he was sitting near the fire, he heard a knock at his door.

"I wonder who it is," said he, "for hardly anybody ever passes this way."

He went and opened the door, and in popped a very little fairy. The old man asked the fairy who she was and what was her name. She said she had lost her way in the storm, and asked if she might stay till the storm was over. He told her to sit down in front of the fire and make herself at home. She said that her name was "The Christmas Fairy," and that she would give him three wishes. The old man's face shone with joy. He said he would like to give little children presents every Christmas Eve. So every Christmas when children are asleep he goes to all the houses and leaves presents to all good children.

IVY WALKER, age 11 years.

1028 View Street, Victoria, B.C.

CHRISTMAS EVE

The time draws near the birth of Christ.

The moon is hid; the night is still;

The Christmas bells from hill to hill

Answer each other in the mist.

Rise, happy morn! rise, holy morn!

Draw forth the cheerful day from night.

O Father! touch the east, and light

The light that shone when hope was born.

—Alfred Tennyson.

Bruce

By Eleanor Ecob Morse

BRUCE was a Scotch staghound. He was born in the kennels of Queen Victoria at Balmoral, and was sent, while very young, to a lady in America, who was at the head of a seminary for young ladies.

Here he was introduced to an entirely new life. There were no wild, free, gorge-covered hills, no cry of the hunt in the keen morning air, no men, boys, dogs. Instead, the parlor, the small city garden, the decorous walk with his mistress, the young ladies and the luxurious food.

A circle of cooing, admiring girls petted and caressed him and talked love talk to him until he began to understand it. He was so tall that he could not lay his head in your lap, so he would lay it on your arm and look straight into your eyes with seemingly perfect comprehension of your speech. His obedience was perfect. A low word was enough.

My husband used to say that he had the soul of a gentleman. His circle of friends was small, but to them he was most loyal, his great luminous eyes responding with love untold, to the love and kindness of his friends.

After a while his mistress, thinking him too large for her establishment, parted with him to a friend of mine. Here there were three rollicking boys, plenty of room, free runs to the country and Summer trips to the Adirondacks, where he was free to go back to his natural life. To see Bruce leap a high

fence was a delight. He would go over it as easily and lightly as a bird.

The family room of his new home was the library, and he was fond of stretching his full length in the middle of the room, and was often in the way.

His mistress, a sweet-voiced woman, would say, "Please, Bruce, move, you are so large." One day, tired of his persistent choice of the middle of the floor, she said, somewhat impatiently, "Bruce, you are a nuisance; I wish you would go away and not come back." Bruce rose from the floor, looked her long and steadily in the eye, then turned and walked out of the front door.

He went to a house on another street, where some boys lived, who played with his young masters. He walked in and established himself quietly in a corner. The boys were delighted; their parents puzzled. At night they put him out, and told him to go home. In the morning he was on their steps.

He remained with the family two weeks. Nothing could induce him to go home. His masters, the boys, coaxed and even tried to lead him home, but he simply would not go. The boys were in despair. What! Love their beautiful and distinguished Bruce? Perish the thought!

They finally insisted that their mother should go and make her peace with Bruce. So one morning she went to the house, where she was not at all acquainted, told her story, and asked to see Bruce.

He came into the parlor with the air of an offended prince. His mistress put out her hand and said softly, "Bruce, I am very sorry that I spoke so rudely the other day. Won't you forgive me and come home?"

The dog came nearer and nearer as she spoke, and finally laid his head on her arm and love and sweet understanding was in his eyes.

He went home, but after that no one was allowed to make any disparaging remarks about Bruce where he could hear.—Our Dumb Animals.

MEASURING FRACTION OF SECOND

Part of the work of an observatory depends upon a means of measuring extremely short periods of time. For example, in receiving any signal by wireless telegraph or otherwise, it is vitally important that the precise time of receipt as recorded by a clock should be known. In order to facilitate this highly accurate determination, a British observatory has developed an appliance based on the Oscillograph itself, a British invention. This apparatus can register clock times of any signal accurately within one-thousandth part of a second.

I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; and lo, it was all grown over with thorns, the face thereof was covered with nettles, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I beheld and considered well: I saw and received instruction. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep, so shalt thou poverty come as a robber, and thou shalt want as an armed man.—Proverbs of Solomon, King of Israel.

Suburb and Country

Agriculture is a first principle: on it rests the life and happiness of mankind.—Julian A. Dinwiddie

Dissertation Upon Roast Pig

ROAST sucking pig is not frequently met with at Christmas tables in this country, pride of place being given to the turkey. But the turkey is a new-fangled institution in comparison with sucking pig. Comparatively speaking, it is only a matter of yesterday that the Pilgrim Fathers in New England made acquaintance with the birds which are indigenous to this country and have nothing to do with the country whose name they bear, while the sucking pig did his part in the merry-making of Old England long before the existence of America was even suspected.

Any remarks in praise of roast sucking pig can scarcely avoid being termed superfluous by anyone coming after Charles Lamb. An apology might seem needed for quoting at any length a panegyric so well known as his dissertation upon roast pig were it not that only recently, by no less an authority than the librarian of the City Library, we were told that we were reading far too much light fiction in proportion to other books, and it is possible that the rising generation at least is not so familiar with the gentle prince of humorous essays as they ought to be. His account of the discovery of roast pig may be deemed fiction, it is true, but he is so circumstantial in regard to names and dates that only the most sceptical can doubt him.

Chinese Legend

He tells us that, according to an old Chinese manuscript, for the first seventy thousand years mankind ate their meat raw, and the art of roasting was accidentally discovered in the following manner: The swineherd Ho-ti having gone out into the woods one morning to collect mast for his hogs, left his cottage in the charge of his eldest son, Bo-bo, a great lubberly boy, who, being fond of playing with fire, as youngsters of his age commonly are, let some sparks escape into a bundle of straw, which, kindling quickly, spread the conflagration over every part of their poor mansion till it was reduced to ashes. Together with the cottage, what was of more importance, a fine litter of newly-farrowed pigs, no less than nine in number, perished. Bo-bo was in the utmost consternation, but while he was wringing his hands and thinking what he should say to his father, an odor assailed his nostrils unlike any scent which he had before experienced. What could it proceed from, he wondered, and a premonitory moistening at the same time overflowed his nether lip. He did not know what to think. He next stooped down to feel the pig, if there were any signs of life in it. He burnt his fingers, and to cool them, he applied them in his booby fashion to his mouth. Some of the crumbs of the scorched skin had come away with his fingers, and for the first time in his life (in the world's history indeed, for before him no man had known it), he tasted crackling. Again he felt and fumbled at the pig. It did not burn him so much now; still he licked his fingers from a sort of habit. The truth at length broke into his slow understanding that it was the pig that smelt so, and the pig that tasted so delicious, and surrendering himself to the new-born pleasure, he fell to tearing up whole handfuls of the scorched skin with the flesh next it, and was cramming it down his throat in his beastly fashion, when his sire entered amid the smoking rafters, armed with retributive cudgel, and finding how affairs stood, began to rain blows upon the young rogue's shoulders, as thick as hailstones, which Bo-bo heeded not any more than if they had been flies.

"You graceless whelp, what have you got there devouring?" asked the father.

"Oh, father, the pig, the pig. Do come and taste how nice the burnt pig eats!"

The ears of Ho-ti tingled with horror. He cursed his son and he cursed himself that he should ever beget a son who should eat burnt pig.

Bo-bo soon raked out another pig, and, fairly rending it asunder, thrust the lesser half by main force into the fists of Ho-ti, still shouting out:

"Eat, eat, eat the burnt pig, father; only taste."

Ho-ti trembled in every joint while he grasped the abominable thing, wavering whether he should not put his son to death for an unnatural young monster, when the crackling, scorching his fingers, as it had done his son's, and applying the same remedy to them, he in his turn tasted some of its flavor, which, make what sour mouths he would for a pretense, proved not altogether displeasing to him. In conclusion (for the manuscript here is a little tedious) both father and son fairly sat down to the mess, and never left off till they had dispatched all that remained of the litter.

A Converted Court

Bo-bo was strictly enjoined not to let his secret escape, for the neighbors would certainly have stoned them for a couple of abominable wretches who could think of improving upon the good meat which God had sent them. Nevertheless, strange stories got about. It was observed that Ho-ti's cottage was burnt down now more frequently than ever. Nothing but fires from this time forward. As often as the sow farrowed, so sure was the house of Ho-ti to be in a blaze. At length they were watched, the terrible mystery discovered, and father and son summoned to take their trial at Pekin, then an inconsiderable assize town. Evidence was given, the obnoxious food itself produced in court, and verdict about to be pronounced, when the foreman of the jury begged that some of the burnt pig might be handed into the box. He handled it, they all handled it, burning their fingers as Bo-bo and his father had done before them,

and Nature prompting to each of them the same remedy, against the face of the facts and the clearest charge which judge had ever given—to the surprise of the whole court, townsfolk, strangers, reporters and all present—without leaving the box they brought in a simultaneous verdict of not guilty.

The judge, who was a shrewd fellow, winked at the manifest iniquity of the decision, and when the court was dismissed, went privily and bought up all the pigs that could be had for love or money. In a few days his lordship's town house was observed to be on fire. The thing took wing, and now there was nothing to be seen but fire in every direction. Fuel and pigs grew enormously dear, the insurance offices one and all shut up shop. Thus this custom of firing houses continued, until it was discovered that flesh might be cooked without the necessity of consuming a whole house to dress it.

A Princely Morsel

Without placing too implicit faith in the account above given, it must be agreed that if a worthy pretext for setting houses on fire could be assigned in favor of any culinary object, that pretext and excuse might be found in roast pig. I speak not of your grown porkers, but a young and tender suckling, under a moon old, his voice not yet broken, but something between a childish treble and a grumble, the mild forerunner of a grunt.

There is no flavor comparable, I will contend, to that of the crisp, tawny, well-watched crackling, as it is well called—the very teeth are invited to their share of the pleasure at this banquet in overcoming the coy, brittle resistance, with the adhesive oleaginous, O call it not fat, but an indefinable sweetness growing up to it, the tender blossoming of fat, fat cropped in the bud; the lean, not lean, but a kind of animal manna, or rather fat and lean (if it must be so), so blended and running together that both make but one ambrosian relish.

See him in the dish, his second cradle, how meek he lieth! Wouldst thou have had this innocent grow up to the grossness of maturer swinehood? Ten to one he would have proved a glutton, a sloven, an obstinate, disagreeable animal and from these sins he is happily snatched away.

His sauce should be considered. Decidedly a few breadcrumbs, done up with his liver and brains, and a dash of mild sage. But banish, dear Mrs. Cook, I beseech you, the whole onion tribe. Barbecue your whole hogs to your palate, stuff them out with plantations of the rank and guilty garlic; you cannot poison them or make them stronger than they are, but consider—he is a weakling, a flower.

Freak Gardening

EVERYBODY may not like gardening, but everybody looks upon it with respect, just as one thinks of music respectfully, even if one is unable to see anything in a symphony and is bored to death by a fugue. This is a matter for congratulation, for in other ages and countries gardens were not always so treated, and Bacon's famous and contemptuous verdict, "They be for children," might have been deservedly applied to many adornments and adjuncts of old gardens.

Possibly the topiary work of the past that has been preserved to the present day is so associated with pleasant recollections that those who are familiar with it will scarcely consent to its being classed as freak work, yet some of the shapes into which the long-suffering yew was clipped were freakish enough, for in addition to birds and animals of all sorts, the initials of the owner of the garden, geometrical figures and the like, were all considered much superior to simple and unadorned Nature. Akin to the curious work of the topiary was that of the skilled manipulator of the grafting knife. The Dutch especially were fond of freak grafting, and could even produce roses growing on snoots of oak, though the unnatural union would last only for a few months. In Italy roses were grafted upon orange trees, which were also made to act as hosts to jasmine, oleander and other plants. To accomplish this, the orange tree was taken up, some of the lower branches cut off and holes bored through the remaining stumps into the centre of the stem. The main stem was then hollowed out from the root up to these holes and small but rooted shoots of any kind of shrub pushed up, and by means of a piece of wire pulled through the different amputated parts, the wound being concealed with green wax. The combination would exist for a year or two by this method. The Japanese art of dwarfing trees, while a manipulation of Nature, cannot fairly be called freakish, because it follows Nature's methods of dwarfing, and its object is to produce natural scenes in miniature, and certainly if charm be an excuse, this patient art has ample.

Freaks in Water

In all ages water has constituted one of the chief adornments of the garden, and it readily lent its aid to all sorts of pranks. One of the most freakish effects, that of making a sheet of water appear as though resting upon a slope, was gained by a series of small cascades which at a distance blended into one and produced an apparently unbroken surface. Then at the villa of Prince Borghese in Italy the whole court seemed alive at the turning of a cock. Water attacked the spectator from every side, it was squirted into his face from invisible holes; it made a constellation of jets d'eau which, falling in misty showers, created a rainbow. It was also used to blow pipes and trumpets and give the effect of birds warbling. In other pleasure grounds water was made to

perform all sorts of puck-like tricks, suddenly greeting the exploring visitors with a stream of cold drops as they entered grottoes, while spectators were expected to see immense humor in being drenched by a rain which immediately descended as they approached some wonder to examine it more closely.

We can be thankful, as we share the pleasure of great gardens generously thrown open to the public nowadays, that this robust sense of humor has become modified. Many and marvellous were the ingenuities in the way of fountains. At the Dutch palace of Loo a large inverted bell was surrounded by a number of lesser bells, all formed of water, while at Cardinal Richelieu's villa at Rueil, the English gardener, Evelyn, says he saw "a large and very rare grotto of shellwork in the shape of satyrs and other wild fancies; in the middle stands a marble table on which a fountain plays in forms of glasses, cups, crosses, fans, crowns, etc. Then the fountains represent a shower of rain from the top met by small jets from below. At going out two extravagant musketeers shot up with a stream of water from their musket barrels.

Yet perhaps for freakishness in every direction and on a sumptuous scale, the gardens of the sixteenth Earl of Shrewsbury take the palm. Every law of Nature or art he seemed to have thought was made only to be broken. Therefore he had, as recorded in Loudon's Encyclopaedia of Gardening, a work now long out of print, a prospect tower not built on the highest part of the ground, bridges without water underneath, ponds and lakes on the tops of the hills, stabling in the midst of the pleasure ground, a huge imitation of Stonehenge and an imitation of a cottage roof formed by sticking dormer windows and two chimneys, accompanied by patches of heath to imitate thatch, on the sloping surface of a large grey mass of solid rock. A projecting piece of rock was formed into a huge serpent with a spear-shaped tongue and glass eyes, and the rock was also carved into Indian temples, caves and grottoes, while the valley of which it formed a part was filled with a confusion of terraces, stone stairs, wooden stairs and turf stairs, statues and vases, ornamental buildings, such as porticoes, pagodas and temples, jet ponds, streams and waterfalls, "and rockwork, shellwork and rootwork, moss houses, old trunks of trees, entire dead trees, etc., that it is utterly impossible for words to give any idea of the effect."

Nuts for Christmas Dessert

THOSE people who take an immense pride in any contribution to the Christmas table which has been raised by themselves ought not to overlook the possibilities of home-grown nuts as an auxiliary to the after-dinner festivities.

There is no reason, save that the subject does not seem very generally mooted, why certain nuts should not be grown here as easily as apples. Filberts especially are esteemed for dessert, and they could be grown as plentifully here as in England, where they are a familiar crop. Some difficulty, though, has been experienced in the past in getting the blossoms to set, a difficulty that is quite easy to overcome by having the right sorts in the garden. Kentish cob, an old favorite, unfortunately is very awkward in this respect, the catkins coming out long in advance of the female blossoms, with the result that practically all the pollen is gone. The Experimental Farm at Sidney recommends Fertile de Coutard and Nottingham as two varieties which set well, and probably the introduction of these where the older nuts are already established would result in inducing them to bear also. Filberts are fond of a fairly light soil, and require little care save in keeping the heads fairly open.

Walnuts have been grown in this vicinity for many years, though not nearly to the extent they might be. It is important to be certain that they have been grafted, otherwise the time of bearing will be indefinitely delayed. A tree that is slow in bearing may benefit by transplanting, especially if the site is not congenial. Walnuts require a deep, rich and moist soil. Thus, whichever type of soil one happens to have, it will be hard if either filberts or walnuts cannot be suited.

Commercial Feeding Stuffs

THERE has recently been issued from the Division of Chemistry, of the Dominion Experimental Farms, Ottawa, a bulletin, No. 47, entitled "Commercial Feeding Stuffs."

This bulletin contains the chemical analysis and microscopical findings of over 400 samples of feeding stuffs recently collected throughout the Dominion, and includes a consideration of all the more important milling by-products and compounded feeds now found on the Canadian market.

The analytical data have furnished the basis for the valuation of these feeds from the nutritive standpoint and the microscopical findings—a new feature in work of this character—indicate the presence or absence of noxious weed seeds or other foreign matter, which might render the feed unpalatable or poisonous to stock.

The feeds considered include bran, shorts, middlings, feed flour, barley feeds, oat chop and oat feeds, corn products, oil cake meal, calf feeds, hog feed, poultry feeds, and a number of miscellaneous products sold under brand names. While it does not claim to be exhaustive, the bulletin furnishes information on all the more common feeding stuffs.

This bulletin should prove of very considerable value to the farming interest throughout the Dominion and serve as a useful source of reference for all concerned in the purchase and use of commercial feeding stuffs. Copies may be obtained on application to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Some Hints on Gardening From My Own Experience

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ARTICHOKES

IT is a matter of great surprise to me to see so few and such very poor samples of the Jerusalem Artichokes in the shops in Victoria. Some fifteen years ago I first began to grow the white variety of this excellent and very profitable tuber. I cannot remember where I got my first tubers for seed, but I do remember that from the first I was much impressed by its superiority over the red variety. My first crop was not very satisfactory. So few of the tubers were decently shaped, and this, I believe, the reason why it is not more often grown. Fortunately I had sense enough to keep the roughest for seed for the next crop, and the second year showed a very marked improvement in shape. This decided me to grow more in better land, and in the course of a few years I had them coming large, shapely and the yield far beyond any potatoes I ever grew. I found that I could grow them almost all to the size of an orange or a lemon and any shape I chose, whether round, pear-shaped or oval, and with no protuberances, or sunken eyes, and also growing quite close to the parent and not straggling away at the end of long underground roots, which made it possible to dig them more easily and plant closer together. It was no uncommon thing to fill a coal oil can from two roots. When digging them I selected the most perfect and replanted at once whole tubers about six inches deep. Next year it was only necessary to keep weeds down. I never knew them to have any disease either on the tubers or the stalks and foliage. One year they flowered and apparently some of the seeds ripened, but none of them germinated; they probably would have done so in a green or hot-house, or perhaps if sown late in Spring or in early Summer. Considering that if given a fair chance a crop of these tubers about doubles the weight of an ordinary potato crop, the price of ten cents a pound, which is charged in the shops here is absurd, and it is no wonder people don't buy them. Anyone who knows what Palestine soup is when properly made, or Artichoke multi-gatany or plain boiled Artichokes with white sauce would appreciate this hardy and prolific vegetable.

Parsnip

Some people do not care for Parsnips, but for those who do, there is great disappointment when they cannot be got or grown of a decent shape and size. Small Parsnips of bad shape, such as many that I see in the Chinese vegetable shops, are easily accounted for by poor seed and poor cultivation. The land for Parsnips needs to be deeper in tilth than for any other roots, and no matter how shallow the soil in your garden, this is to be overcome by sowing the seed in March or April in beds from three to four feet and each bed thrown up till there is at least eighteen inches of top soil above the level of the spaces between the beds. All the good soil on the surface should be thrown up on to the beds down to the subsoil, whether gravel, hard pan or clay. If the top soil is run out or very poor, it is no use trying to grow Parsnips in it unless it is first enriched with plenty of good manure or chemical fertilizer must be used, and either should have been well worked into the soil before the seed is sown. I have had, years ago, fairly good Parsnip seed from England, but never very good results from seed bought on this side. It paid me more than any other root to grow my own Parsnip seed. A few years' selection of the best shaped roots, replanted as soon as they were dug up and noticed as such works wonders. I know no vegetable which reverts to the wild type quicker if not kept up to the mark. In selecting a root to grow from seed, and one root will yield enough seed to sow 100 feet in a row, I always tried to get the one which carried its size down as far as possible, that is, the one which was least tapering. It is not at all necessary to have the whole long tap root perfect to grow seed, nor is it necessary to plant the root in extra rich soil. Seeds collected from each root should be sown separately and again selected from for the same type. I have, by a few years' selection, almost completely eliminated the hollow crown and grown the roots so that most of them were from ten to sixteen inches down, large enough for table and often six to eight inches before they began to taper to any appreciable extent. There is a great deal of very poor Parsnip (also Carrot and Turnip) seed on the market now, and I suppose this is on account of the war.

For a very large garden mostly all the seeds can be grown from year to year in a small space. In all cases where you grow several roots of any kind to try and breed improved types, you should be careful to keep any one root as long a distance as possible away from another which is being grown on purpose to breed some other type feature. I mean if you are growing one root to especially eliminate the hollow crown and another to decrease the tendency to taper quickly, keep the two as far apart as possible until the two types are satisfactorily fixed before you plant them together and allow them to cross fertilize, and you will often find they can be simultaneously obtained more or less in both strains, and the combined result will be very satisfactory. Also, when growing any kinds of seeds or tubers, it is a great help to keep copious notes with remarks and suggestions in your ordinary garden diary, or also in one kept especially for the purpose, and after a few years of growing your own seeds, you will realize the enormous advantage of this, no matter how good you may think your memory is.

You will notice that I take it for granted that you keep a garden diary. If you have not done so hitherto, take my advice and start one at once.

The remarks about growing Parsnip seeds apply also to Carrots, and even if you only grow Shorthorn Carrots, they will do better in beds thrown up than grown in drills on the level. I have proved it in fields of several acres of all Carrots growing for the mules and ponies used in a coal mine where I increased the yield more than 50 per cent by this means, and the furrows, or hollows, between the four-foot beds were only eighteen inches wide, and each bed had three rows of Carrots. When grown on the level, there were many waste roots, and when grown in beds thrown up there were none, and although the total length of the rows was 20 per cent less in the beds because of the spaces, the total crop was half as large again.

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Thoughts for the Coming New Year

THOUGH the custom of making New Year resolutions is probably obsolete, a good many people nevertheless do go in retrospect over the past year and note its gains and losses. It is a wholesome practice. One need not accuse oneself of pride if one, on looking back, can honestly record some advance made in the things that are worth while—a little more consideration for others, a stiffening of moral fibres, an overcoming of some defect of character—surely it is neither impossible nor wrong to feel that one has gained a step, and if one wants to give zest to the coming year let him or her make a sporting matter of taking a shot at one of those same defects. A great many of them are habits rather than vices.

There was a woman who was kindness itself to any neighbor in trouble, and yet somehow her tongue refused the little kindness of speaking well of people. Few were the people who escaped her acid comments, and the reason chiefly was that she had lived in close proximity to a woman of a really unkind nature and bitter tongue, and she had caught the habit. That is the sort of habit that is made to be broken.

Then with men there is the senseless habit of bad language. That it is a habit that can be broken is proved by the fact that they can always check themselves in the presence of a woman. If men would only feel that their own ears were entitled to as much respect as a woman's ears, they would at once stop the habit. Of course, there are times when temptation is strong, when the milk must be got to town and the engine of the motor keeps bucking in spite of hot water and urgent cranking, but those are the hard bits that test a man's grit. Anybody can refrain from swearing while reclining in the leafy shade with a pipe.

Overhauling Bad Habits

Then there is another matter that needs overhauling at this season: One's attitude towards life. On all sides we are being warned that there is a slackness, a deterioration, abroad. Have we allowed it to creep into our own lives? "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Have we become infected with the desire to reap where we have not sown, to live well and work little? Has the virus of envy and discontent got into our veins, poisoning life at its springs and blinding us to the happiness that is ours? This is the heart of the weakling and the coward. Nothing is gained, and inevitably all will become lost by such an attitude towards life. Let us remember that he enjoys his dinner who works hardest for it; that there is no luxury to be compared with the evening's rest after a day's work. The pleasure that a man gets from looking over his thriving fields and stock is more than he would ever get from a life of chasing after pleasure. This is proved by the way men stick to farming, even though they know the returns for their capital and labor are not nearly equal in money to what they ought to be. Ultimately they are farming because they like it. In fact, since the introduction of machinery and piecework, which has robbed the craftsman of all joy in his work, farming is almost the only occupation in which enjoyment—pleasure in the act of working—is possible.

Woman's Lot

With the farm woman, the farmer's wife, it is somewhat different. Her work does not differ essentially from that of her sister in town, which renders comparisons as to conveniences and comforts almost inevitable with dissatisfaction as a frequent result. Much has been said on the subject, and even yet men need a lot of educating to make them see that their wives' demands for mechanical aids in their work are but just and right. Yet till improvements are achieved a courageous attitude is the only one for the self-respecting woman. It is a failing of human nature to envy others and ignore its own possessions. Reckon up your assets, or, in the familiar words, count your blessings. You in your turn are probably the object of envy to someone less fortunately situated. To aspire without being soured by discontent, to be content with what we have without becoming a cloy, this is the balance of mind that is worth striving for, hard though it may be to attain.

If a book come from the heart, it will contrive to reach other hearts; all art and author-craft are of small account to that.—Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881).

Yarns They Spin at the Old Shack

By Richard L. Pocock

CHRISTMAS IN THE WOODS

It was just a week before Christmas when the three lilliputians had gathered for their usual week-end reunion up at the Old Shack. The spirit of the season was in the air and had penetrated even into the fastness of their snug little retreat away from the beaten track. They are all three more or less hard-baked citizens, and the average man who did not know them and their ways very well would probably have thought them about the least likely of men to have much sentiment in their make-up. As a matter of fact, they are none of them very talkative when there are strangers around. Their true nature shows only when the three get together, three men who by long association with each other in the silent places of Nature have come to understand one another perfectly, and acquired a sympathy of thought which one does not so often find in the business resorts or the clubs of city life.

"Well, boys," old Dick started, "Christmas is almost here again. Christmas comes but once a year, but it seems to me to come much more quickly after the last one than it used to do. The years don't really get any shorter, but they appear to get a bit more so in a man's life. It's a strange thing, this Christmas spirit they talk about, how it gets you in spite of yourself, so to speak, don't it?"

They All Get It

"You're right, Dick," Tom answered, "you can't get away from it. It's catching, like the measles. Talking of measles, I suppose we'll all be making ourselves ill with too much turkey and plum pudding and other fixings a few days from now. Another thing I've noticed, Dick, as the years slip by, you've got to go easier than you used to do on the Christmas feed if you don't want to suffer for it afterwards. Wonder why it's always been supposed to be the correct thing to eat about twice as much on Christmas Day as on any other day. That is, of course, supposing you can get it, and there's a whole lot of poor devils that can't get it about now, I'm thinking. Some of 'em's going to go short of a square, while a lot of boys like us are filling up with more than we want, and a darned sight more than's good for us."

"You've said something there, Tom, old boy," Dick answered, "when we get up here and out in the woods we feel what a fine world it is after all, but when we start thinking about the unequal way in which some of the good things are distributed, why, it sure does make one feel at times that it's a rotten old world in some other ways. I'm not clever enough to suggest any way of evening things up a bit more, but this Christmas stuff is apt to get me the way it does you, Tom. I've known what it is to go hungry before now, boys, and I know what it feels like, but I never yet missed my Christmas dinner—not altogether, that is. I remember one day when I was stuck out with a broken down gas launch, and didn't get it in consequence until four p.m., but when I did get it, oh, boys! maybe it didn't taste all the better, and the appetite was still there, you can bet on that."

Turkey Is On!

"There was another time, I remember, when it didn't quite come off according to schedule, and the menu had to be altered a bit, but after all, there was no hardship attached to that, and the tuck-in we actually had was hardly inferior to the regulation turkey and plum pudding you were talking about just now, Tom. Seeing that you're a bit of a cook yourself, you might be interested in that menu."

"It was up in the Kootenay country. There was about six feet of snow on the ground, and the setting for the picture was about as Christmasy as any of the old-fashioned Christmas cards that I remember when I was a kid, all covered with powdered glass to represent the cold white stuff that looks so pretty and makes us all so darned uncomfortable. I don't know what the thermometer registered, cause I didn't have one, and, if I had, I doubt if it would have been any use, unless it was made to work down to minus. It was cold, all right, boys; the pine trees were cracking like pistol shots with the frost, and we were just two of us living about six thousand feet up in the air, with no steam heat or furnaces or anything, just an old 'tin' stove and a pile of good dry pine wood."

"We'd been up there since September, doing some work on some claims and keeping open a short line of traps as a side-line—caught some fine marten, we did, up there, I remember, but the prices weren't anything like in those days. We used to get not more than about five dollars for a prime marten skin that'd fetch, I guess, thirty or forty dollars, or more, these days. Well, it was getting along towards Christmas, and somehow that same old spirit we were talking of just now got into us, and we both seemed afflicted with a sort of homesickness or whatever it was, that set us hankering for a Christmas dinner among our fellow creatures down among the comforts of the town."

Dangling the Bait

"It was old Jack that did it, the old humbug," Dick says, "one day, I guess there'll be big doings down town next week. Can't you see old Hank dishing out the 'Tom and Jerry' and the girls hanging up the holly and mistletoe and stuff, while we poor stiffies are up here thawing out drills so they won't stick to our fingers, and filling up on beans and sour dough bread? What d'ye say, boys; let's hit the old trail and take a day or two off for the sake of old times?"

"Now, that sounded easy enough, but when I tell you fellows that we had about a seven-mile trail down from the camp in deep snow, and that it had been snowing steadily, day and night almost, for some weeks since we last went over that trail, you will understand that making that trip to town wasn't exactly just as easy as calling up the chauffeur and telling him to bring round the old limousine. No sirree, Bob! It meant a darned hard trip down, and probably a harder one back, but we decided that we'd make it anyhow, and that the 'Tom and Jerry' and other things would be worth it. Well, we had

it all fixed that we were going to hit that trail for the bright lights and the good eats two days before Christmas. That would give us a day to rest up and get into good shape to do justice to the old 'turk' that Steve would be sure to have on the bill of fare on the big day. "It was not to be, boys. The night before we were due to start, it set in to blow just like it did here the other day. The snow was driving and the wind was fetching great masses of it off the trees. The trail was obliterated, anyhow, but finding our way down in that weather, with a job to hunt for the blazes, snow in our faces and snow coming down on our heads, even with bear-paw snowshoes, was too big a contract. The storm kept up all that day and next night, and, as it showed no sign of letting up, we had sense enough to see that we'd better give it up and hope for better luck round the New Year."

"I must say I felt a bit grouchy about it. You see, I was fairly new to the country, then, and I couldn't help contrasting this Christmas I was going to spend with the ones I'd been used to back in the Old Country, but old Jack was a good old scout. He'd had too many tough times in the woods in his day to let a little thing like that bother him, and he set about doing things to make our own little Christmas doings as bright and cheerful as could be under the circumstances."

The Chef Gets Busy

"You leave it to me, boy," he said. "We'll have our Christmas dinner all right, and don't you forget it. I'm going to put in the rest of the day getting in a good pile of wood, so we won't have to be rusting any tomorrow, and can have the whole day to enjoy ourselves. You can take a walk down to the mine if you like, or do anything you want to keep you out of mischief." Well, I thought I'd put in a few licks with the old hammer and drill to keep my mind occupied, so I on with my bear-paws and started down the short trail to the claim from the cabin. We had a tunnel driven in about thirty feet or so, and had struck some nice-looking copper ore. When I got to the dump in front of the tunnel I took off my snowshoes, and was starting in to light the candle when I heard a sort of clucking noise. I recognized the note, and, looking down, there was a darned foolhen just inside the tunnel mouth, come there to get some grit, I guess. Well, I had that boy cornered. You know what foolhens are, boys; you don't need to take a gun to them. I just grabbed one of those snowshoes and made a step forward at the foolhen. Now, that bird was a lot quicker on the fly than they generally are. Guess he realized that I had him in a blind alley, for, before I could catch him a swipe on the ground, according to the usual procedure, he took to wing. But he'd met his Waterloo. He had to come close past me, and it was just like volleying a tennis ball. I caught him full, with the snowshoe for a racket, and he was my meat."

"When I went back to the cabin I found old Jack busy mixing up some kind of mess in a baking tin, and I chucked the foolhen down on the table. 'Good boy,' says he; 'so you've been getting the turkey, have you, while I was mixing up the plum pudding? That's fine. Now we've got just about all we want for one swell spread.' And he was dead right, boys."

A Sumptuous Feast

"Next day we had a feast fit for the gods. Foolhen's every bit as good as turkey when you're hungry, and the way Old Jack fixed that bird up with real gravy and everything was a treat. Then as an entree we had jugged hare. Can't give you the exact recipe, Tom, but a snowshoe rabbit, which had been hanging up outside the cabin frozen, waiting till we wanted him, had something to do with it, and, when Old Jack had finished with it, it tasted like the real thing."

The plum pudding was a bit weird and perhaps a trifle heavy, made chiefly of flour and raisins and dried apples and a little bit of one or two other things, but it went down all right, and he even produced a nice pie of sorts, and I've tasted a lot worse pastry than that mince pie."

"We hadn't any liquors, but there was lots of good hot coffee; no cigars, but plenty of T. & B., and when we had eaten just about all we could eat, and had filled our stomachs up just about all it could hold, blessed if the old boy didn't spring a real Christmas surprise on me. He'd got a jar of honey which he'd brought up, unknown to me, when we were packing in the winter's grub, and he had something else which he'd also kept hidden from me till then. He mixed up some of this honey and some hot water and quite a lot of the something else, and he called it 'Athol brose,' or some such name. The name didn't seem to matter very much; it made no difference to the taste or the effects, and, though there was no holly and no mistletoe, and no brighter lights than a couple of mining candles, the old cabin seemed to take on a cheery look after all, and I remember we joined hands and we sang 'Auld Lang Syne' and maybe some other songs which I don't seem to remember, but I do remember that we went to bed happy, and the pity that we had been feeling for ourselves at not being able to get down to where the other folks were having a gay time was changed to pity of any other poor devils that couldn't get such a fine Christmas spread as we got, and the other poor devils that could get the grub but couldn't get the appetite and digestion that our life in the woods had given us."

MORE OIL-FIRED SHIPS

The interesting fact is contained in the Annual Report for 1920-21 of Lloyd's Register of Shipping, now issued, that for the first time, the steamers built to class during the year, those propelled by means of oil fuel, exceed in total tonnage those fitted with boilers for the use of coal only. With the exception of three steamers representing 8,581 tons, all vessels built to class in the United States during the same period were fitted for burning oil fuel.

Much space is devoted in the report to the increase in recent years in the numbers of vessels built for the carriage of oil in bulk, of vessels burning oil fuel, and of motor vessels. The oil tank vessels of all types built to

class during the year amounted to 112, of 614,464 tons gross, or more than eighteen per cent of the total tonnage classed. Vessels to the number of 353, representing 1,872,115 gross tons—or fifty-eight per cent of the total tonnage of new vessels classed during the year—were fitted for burning oil fuel.—London Times.

Some of Our Wild Flowers Suitable for Cultivation

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Scrophulariaceae (Figworts)

THAT exquisite little flower *Collinsia grandiflora* (Blue-eyed Mary), which some children call "Little Blue Heroes," although it is only an annual, is very easy to grow, and the seed can easily be collected. It is so early and such a beautiful color that all should have it in their gardens unless they are lucky enough to live where it grows wild. I know places where there are large beds of it on shale banks, and to come suddenly round a point or into a bay and see a bed of this flower in the very early Spring, before one has really begun to think of wild flowers, is a sight to gladden the heart. Once the seed has been sown, it will reproduce from year to year, and will grow in the poorest soil and almost on the bare rock. When thinking of wild flowers suitable for the garden, this is the one that always comes first to my mind, partly because it is the earliest and partly because of its color. If you know this flower you can imagine a large natural bed of it, interspersed with *Grape Hyacinths* and *Blue Scillas*. *Collinsia grandiflora* is also called "Innocence" and "Blue Lips."

Mimulus (Monkey flower) has several species worth growing. There is a red-flowered one which is perennial (probably *M. lewisii*), and which in places is quite common in the mountains, well worth growing, and this can be done any time, if the roots are kept moist and treated tenderly. It should not be allowed to ripen seed. There is also the well known *M. moschatum* (Musk flower), which is common in moist, shady places, and is, or was, much grown in pots and window boxes in the Old Country. The commonest monkey flower is a large yellow annual, and this is easily grown from seed. It is called by various names, and there are many varieties. *M. langsdorfi*, *M. nasutus*, and I believe, others are all the same plant. Sometimes the lower branches root themselves, and if they do not flower when they survive the winter and flower next year. Generally the seed germinates as soon as the first rain comes in the late summer or early fall, and the plants flower next spring. I believe if the flowers were all gathered and no seed allowed to set, the plants would last two or more years and would increase by branching. To be effective, this flower should be grown in a thick, close bed or mass, and in rich, moist soil.

Pentstemon diffusus and *P. menziesii*, the first found near mountain lakes, and the latter on the shore at many places on the West Coast, are worth growing because they are *Pentstemons* and can be improved by cultivation. There are, however, other species on the mainland, and in the Rocky Mountains much better than our local ones, and the cultivated varieties are now amongst the handsomest of garden perennials.

Some of the *Veronicas* are worth while. *Veronica filifolia* (Thyme-leaved speedwell) is pretty and is, I believe, perennial, creeping and rooting and throwing up flower spikes about a foot high or more. The *Veronicas* are the last of the noble family of the *Figworts* or *Scrophulariaceae*, which includes *Mulleins*, *Toadflax*, *Snape-dragon*, *Collinsia*, *Pentstemon*, *Chelone*, *Veronica*, *Mimulus*, *Foxglove*, *Gerardia* (False Foxglove), *Castilleja* (Indian paint brushes) and *Orthocarpus* (lesser paint brushes). What a galaxy! All from one family. Imagine a bed, with rich, deep soil, running up onto a rocky at one end and down into a low, wet place at the other, and planted all with members of this one family.

Pinguicula (Butterwort) in a wet place is worth growing for the pretty blue flowers and the curious sticky leaves. It is perennial and grows in open bogs or wet places in the mountains. If brought down to sea level it flowers much earlier and is easily moved at any time. I saw a few plants in the Cranberry District on Salt Spring Island about ten years ago, but I believe the place where they were has been ploughed. They were on the bank of a lake, flooded in winter. Elsewhere I have only seen them in the mountains.

Any of the *Bladder worts* (*Utricularia*) are worth growing if you have a pond.

Caprifoliaceae (Honeysuckle Family)

Linnaea borealis, the twin flower, is that very beautiful and attractive little flower which Linnaeus called after himself. It is impossible to describe this gem of small creeping plants. It must be seen to be appreciated. No rockery in this country is complete without it, and it is equally good on dead logs, roots, or mossy banks anywhere, and will grow in the poorest of gravel. It is perennial, and can be easily moved in wet weather if plenty of the soil is taken up with it.

Our only honeysuckle worth growing is the large *Lonicella ciliosa*. The orange honeysuckle responds a good deal to cultivation, and if pruned and controlled will flower much more freely than it does running wild. If it could be crossed with the sweet tamed one, it might make something very handsome, and the same may be said of *Lonicera hispidula*, the purple honeysuckle, which has a good bushy growth which, if it were covered with more conspicuous flowers, would be a great acquisition.

Sambucus glauca (the Blue-fruited Elder) is very well worth growing for its fruit, which makes a particularly elegant wine, and it bears such masses of fruit that it should really be much more grown than it is. In another place I shall have more, much more, to say about this business of home-made wine making. There are blends which are really very choice. For example, what elderberry lacks in flavor can be exactly added by a certain proportion of Oregon grape, and the blend makes what we used to call a very "heavy" wine.

WALTER HARVEY.

(Note.—One article of this series, which finished with the *Hydrophyllaceae*, and especially notices *Romanzoffia*, has been printed out of its turn. It should have come before the one which begins with the *Scrophulariaceae*.—W. H.)



By J. S. Plaskett, Director of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory.

THE SUN AND THE AURORA

ONE of the most beautiful and striking of natural phenomena, especially in high northern latitudes, is the Aurora Borealis, commonly called the Northern Lights. These flashing, drifting streamers have excited the wonder of men from the earliest times, and many fantastic explanations of the cause have been evolved.

However, after records of the appearance of these displays had been kept for some time, and when the periodicity of sun spots (for, as is well known, the number and size of sun-spots increase and decrease in a periodic cycle of about eleven years) had been established, it was soon found that there was a connection between the two—the aurorae being more frequent during the sun spot maximum, when the spots were numerous; and fewer, and in our latitude, very rare during the minimum when the spots were few. It was further found that whenever there was an aurora there was also a magnetic "storm," as it was called, disturbance of the magnetism of the earth, causing deviation of the compass needle and the flowing of a current through the earth, which, in the case of violent "storms," is sufficient to interfere with telegraphic action.

Further study has shown that individual magnetic storms and auroral displays are often obviously associated with the passage of individual spots across the sun's disc. These disturbances happen when the spot is near the centre of the sun, though generally slightly past the centre, the natural inference being that the magnetic storm and the aurora are due to something shot out from the sun spot and projected towards the earth. As on the average the disturbance occurs about two days after the spot passes the centre of the disc, this means a speed of the ejected material of something over 500 miles per second.

Magnetic Field

It was for some time thought, after the discovery of a strong magnetic field around many sun spots that the magnetic storms and aurora might be due to the action of this field on the earth, but this hypothesis is contradicted not only by the lag in time, for magnetic action would travel with the velocity of light, taking eight minutes instead of two days, but also because the intensity of the magnetic field around sun spots is entirely too weak to produce the relatively great action on the earth at a distance of 93,000,000 miles. Observations of the aurora show that it is probably caused by the bombardment of the earth's atmosphere by minute electrified particles or corpuscles which enter the atmosphere from outside, traveling along the lines of the earth's magnetic force. The auroral streamers begin at relatively great heights, but stop always at about the same level, sixty miles above the earth's surface, this indicating that the particles cannot travel further into the denser portions of the atmosphere. Dr. Chapman, of Greenwich, has shown that the electrical currents set up in the earth's outer atmosphere, which, being very rare, is capable of conducting electricity by the impact of such corpuscles, would account for the general features of the magnetic storms, while the auroral discharges would similarly inevitably occur just as we have discharges in a vacuum tube when a current is passed through it.

Thus it has for some time been believed that aurorae and magnetic storms were caused by the emission of some corpuscular material from the sun, but the difficulty has been to see how a cloud of electrified particles could travel over the 93,000,000 miles between us and the sun without being dissipated by their internal repulsion, and also to imagine what force, even on the sun, could produce such clouds and give them the high velocity of over 500 miles per second. The prominences which are always present on the sun's surface, which are generally centred around spots, may be considered as the primary origin of such clouds of corpuscles. These prominences are eruptions of gaseous material, mostly hydrogen, sometimes extend to heights of 2,000 to 3,000 miles, and their speed sometimes reaches over 200 miles a second. They may be considered as the primary cause, but in order to understand how the additional speed is obtained, it is necessary to consider the structure of atoms. Prof. Lindemann, of Oxford, has worked out a beautiful theory which, though not definitely proved, offers a very probable explanation of the phenomenon.

Light Electron

It is known that the atom of hydrogen consists of a small and relatively heavy nucleus with a positive charge, having a single and relatively very light electron with an equal negative charge revolving in an orbit around it. If the motion of the electron is disturbed near the sun by the action of light on it, the electron may be forced out of its orbit and set moving in another larger orbit from which it almost immediately falls back into the original orbit, and in so doing is set vibrating, producing light in the form of one of the lines of the hydrogen spectrum. If the disturbance is violent enough, the electron may be knocked clean away and travel independently of the nucleus. However, near the sun, where the atoms are close together, these independent particles are sure to encounter other disintegrated atoms and unite, again producing light. Each time, however, that the electron is disturbed by the sunlight, it is acted on by the pressure of light and receives an impulse or kick which sets it moving away from the sun. Near the sun the number of encounters is very great, the electrons are continually repelled from the sun and eventually acquire a high velocity. Further, as they get farther and farther from the sun, the gas becomes thinner and thinner, the chances of reunion of electron and nucleus become smaller and smaller and the light begins to fade out. The final result then will consist of streams of what is called

ionized hydrogen, the separate electrons and nuclei, moving away from the sun at about 500 miles per second and spreading out as they recede.

Auroral Display

When the earth passes through one of these streams, the negative electrons, which are relatively light, will be stopped by the first traces of air, while the positive nuclei, which are heavier, will penetrate to a considerable depth, to about the lower layer of auroral discharge. This will result in the extreme outer layers of the atmosphere being negatively charged, while an intermediate layer will have a positive charge. The passage of the electrons and nuclei will evidently produce the luminous auroral display similar to a vacuum tube, while the recombination of the two charges would cause the electric currents necessary to produce the magnetic effect.

Both the aurora and magnetic storms are explained by this theory, and although not yet complete and definitely proved, it offers both a reasonable and beautiful explanation of these two puzzling phenomena. It may, perhaps, add to our appreciation of the shimmering, shifting, changing glow of the aurora to know that it is probably produced by the bombardment of the outer atmosphere of the earth by the electrified particles of disintegrated hydrogen, which take their rise in the eruptive prominences of the sun.

The Christmas Gospel

By the Late Bishop Cridge.

"Behold I come quickly, and my reward is with me to give every man according as his work shall be."

THE Christmas season is for mankind a season of hope and joy, for He that will come is none other than the child who lay in the manger at Bethlehem, the Saviour who was born to destroy the works of the Devil, by His spotless birth, His blameless life, His willing death, whereby mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace kissed each other.

Christ was crucified through weakness; but in that weakness was strength; for it was through death that He destroyed him that had the power of death, which is the Devil.

"Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." The birth of Jesus was the beginning of the Gospel, the fulfilment of the promise that the Lord whom His people sought should suddenly come to His temple.

The life of Jesus in the flesh threw a pathway of light through this dark and sinful world, and the life which believers live in the flesh, they live by faith in the Son of God who loved them and gave Himself for them.

We do well to make the Saviour's birth an occasion of joy; to observe a day which for long ages has been a day of gladness; a day of family reunion and brotherly love; a day of strengthening the ties of amity which are so helpful in the battle of life; so precious in His sight who is the God of all families of His people; a day of putting under our feet all that the world has of arrogance, oppression and wrong; a day especially of loving sympathy and aid towards the afflicted and needy; but at the same time a day for contemplating with feelings of wonder, love and praise, those acts of redeeming love to which He was born, and remember the purpose and effect of His second coming "to give every man according as his work shall be."

For this Saviour who was born in a manger will come again. He will come quickly, as lightning shining forth from the East to the West. He will come "with power and great glory, and all His holy angels with Him." He will come in the sight of all mankind. He will come with the sound of the trumpet; with the voice of an archangel, louder than the voice of mighty thunder. He will come with a light above the brightness of the sun, filling all the heavenly concave with its brilliance. He will come, not in earthly clouds, but with heavenly clouds of angels. "I believe that He will come to judge the quick and the dead." "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near." Let us think of Jesus as a babe, as a dear friend, and a loving Saviour. Then shall our Christmas joys be enhanced as we contemplate the Gospel in its fullness. God hath given us all things richly to enjoy. Thus may the words spoken of old apply: "Go your way; eat the fat and drink the sweet, and send portions to them for whom nothing is prepared; for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

MARVELS OF ALUMINUM

Ever since aluminum was produced in a commercial form the greatest interest has been taken in its application to various engineering structures where lightness with strength is desirable. It was soon found that when aluminum was alloyed with other metals its strength was greatly increased without any great change in weight. Various alloys of aluminum have been used in the structure of airplanes and aeroplanes, and the results have been so promising that a special committee was formed in Great Britain to undertake systematic research of the properties of aluminum alloys. A report recently issued by this committee embodies the results of seven years of research conducted in the National Physical Laboratory, which is subsidized by the British Government. This research has resulted in the discovery of many alloys which are of great promise for practically all kinds of engineering, particularly motor car manufacture, railway rolling stock, internal combustion engines, and steam engineering. The only problem awaiting solution is the production of these alloys on a commercial scale. Already a beginning has been made in this direction by a British Government factory, and British manufacturers are looking closely into the possibility of producing some of these wonderful substances for regular use in place of steel.

The Wide World

WE greet one another on Christmas Day with the time-honored salutation, "A Merry Christmas," but it probably occurs to few of us to wonder why this season in particular should be a "merry" one. Most people would say that it is, because we are commemorating the birth of our Lord and the dawn of Christianity. But the fact is that this season was one of merriment and revelry long before that event. Our Christmas festivities are merely a continuation of the Saturnalia of ancient Rome, an institution of which the origin is lost in the mists of antiquity. It was held as the festival of Saturn, towards the end of December, but appears to have been also connected with the worship of the sun-god Mithras, whose festival was directed by the Emperor Aurelian, about A.D. 273, to be observed on December 25th, which was called "The Birthday of the Unconquered Sun." The Western Church, by the fourth century, and later the Eastern Church, adopted this day as the anniversary of the birth of Christ, and it has been so observed ever since. With the adoption of this date, the Church adopted, or at least encouraged, the festivities associated with the Saturnalia; no doubt a politic move, in order that the people should not be deprived of their accustomed pleasures of that season.

The Saturnalia of the ancient Romans gave rise to orgies of the grossest licentiousness and debauchery, which the influence of Christianity no doubt greatly modified for the better; but it is astonishing to read of the wild buffoneries which were permitted even in the churches at this season during mediaeval times, and which were practised in all the countries of Europe. One of the characteristics of the Saturnalia was a sort of topsy-turvy game in which slaves and masters exchanged places, and even clothes, with their lords and masters; the masters attended on the servants, and were pretty roughly treated if they did their work clumsily, but no one was allowed to be angry, and laughter and good humor prevailed. Strange to say, this particular kind of buffonery was allowed to penetrate the churches, and just as the slaves mocked their masters, so the dignitaries of the church were made fun of, and even the churches profaned and divine service burlesqued. Isaac D'Israeli, in his "Curiosities of Literature," thus describes some of these amazing scenes: "In the feast of asses, an ass covered with sacerdotal robes was conducted to the choir, where service was conducted before the ass, and a hymn chanted in discordant manner as they could contrive; the office was a melody of all that had been sung in the course of the year; pails of water were flung at the head of the chanters; the ass was supplied with drink and provender at every division of the service; and the asines were drinking, dancing and braying for two days."

"So late as in 1645, a pupil of Gassendi, writing to his master what he himself witnessed at Aix on the Feast of the Innocents, says, 'I have seen, in some monasteries in this province, extravagances solemized which the pagans would not have practised. Neither the clergy, nor the guardians, indeed, go to the choir on this day, but all is given up to the lay-brethren, the cabbage cutters, the errand boys, the cooks and scullions, the gardeners; in a word, all the menials fill their places in the church, and insist that they perform the offices proper for the day. They dress themselves with all the sacerdotal ornaments, but turn to rags, or wear them inside out; they hold in their hands the books reversed or sideways, which they pretend to read with large spectacles without glasses, and to which they fix the shells of scooped oranges, which render them so hideous, that one must have seen these madmen to form a notion of their appearance; particularly while dangling the censers, they keep shaking them in derision, and letting the ashes fly about their heads and faces, one against the other. In this equipage they neither sing hymns, nor psalms, nor masses; but mumble a certain gibberish as shrill and squeaking as a herd of pigs whipped on to market.' We may be thankful that our modern observances of Christmas are less ribald and more decorous than these absurd and profane revelries. But to show the tenacity of old customs, it is interesting to note that until quite recently, and perhaps even surviving in some ships today, there was a custom in the Royal Navy on Christmas Day of petty officers exchanging duties and uniforms with the ordinary seamen and boys and meekly obeying the orders of the latter—a custom permitted by the captains and officers so long as order was maintained."

In England, it seems, the profanation of the churches, especially after the Reformation, was not tolerated so freely as on the Continent. But there were survivals of the Saturnalia; there was the "Boy Bishop," a school-boy who assumed the office and robes of a Bishop, and preached a sermon; masters waited upon servants; above all, there was the "Lord of Misrule," or Christmas Prince, a chartered libertine who assumed a position of burlesque state and exercised great power, especially in the direction of mischief; but whose chief function was to provide amusement, in the exercise of which he was allowed much liberty in the houses of the great families. The Lord of Misrule seems to have disappeared in the grave days of Cromwell. Our modern Christmas festivities appear mild indeed compared with the frolics of our forefathers. Some of our customs, however, have a pagan origin, e.g., the Yule log, the use of holly and mistletoe, "Christmas boxes" and the giving of Christmas presents generally. Carols, originally the name applied to a certain kind of singing dance, eventually acquired their religious character through the "miracle plays" of the middle ages, and for many years past have almost invariably had the Nativity as their subject. Christmas trees and Christmas cards are, of course, quite modern institutions in England, the former introduced from Germany, the latter initiated, it is said, by Sir Henry Cole in 1846, and now forming quite a large industry. The origin of the rule of turkey and plum pudding in our Christmas fare is not recorded, but most of us will agree that it is evidently a case of the survival of the fittest.

SPECTATOR.

Above the Fifty Line

By Mary Frances O'Sullivan, of Sidney, B.C.

Part II.

It was five days later that Conway's daughter rode south again along the wooded side-hill. Again she had donned chaps, flannel shirt and felt hat. But she had no serious work ahead of her today. She rode for the joy of riding.

As she flashed in and out among the trees, a young man far below on the river bank reined in his horse and watched her. He saw what looked to him like an easy-riding cowboy.

Stewart, of the Northwest Mounted, was here to trail the thief who had held up Rideen, the gambler.

The hold-up had created a great stir in the country. It had been such a daring thing. Then, too, the theft of the horse from the hotel yard had greatly increased the excitement. Mohawk was the property of a well-to-do rancher and the fastest racehorse in those parts. The police chief from Fort George had come down in a high-powered car, bringing two constables with him. Stewart had been called from his station at Douglas Crossing to aid in the search.

They had had very little information to go on. The gambler was convinced of the fact that some man in the town had robbed him. He refused to believe that it was an outsider. He declared that the thief had ridden off on horseback just to hoodwink him and had then sneaked back into town. Rideen was like a maniac. He openly accused his cowboys and all the men in town of the brazen theft. He swore at everyone in sight, and when the police came he swore at them. His theory that it was not an outsider had caused considerable delay. The police had spent two days searching the town and immediate vicinity, but in vain. Then the chief, Rankin, acting on his own ideas, had instructed his constables to ride out to the West and search the outlying country.

The young policeman leaned forward in the saddle. He was a handsome fellow, twenty-two or thereabouts, and the eyes under the broad felt hat were earnest, honest. Just now his boyish face was stern. His dark brows drew together as he followed the progress of the rider, high up on the side-hill. He thought he had spotted his man. Presently he turned his horse's head, and with gun ready, rode up the hill to head the other off.

But when he had come within two hundred yards, a shot rang out and a bullet whizzed by within a few inches of his head. Another shot, and then another bullet flew by, closer than the first. Stewart halted and searched the hillside with his eyes. The rider had disappeared in the timber. Then he raised his gun and fired a warning shot into the trees.

And the girl on the trail, who had paused at the sudden firing, caught the bullet on the arm. With a startled cry she slipped from the horse, and sank down on the soft grass.

Stewart heard the cry and urged his horse up the hill. What he saw on the trail made him wince. The girl was trying vainly to staunch the flow of blood. Quickly he knelt down and with a jackknife ripped the sleeve open. The bullet had struck at an angle, glanced through the flesh and out again. With linen from his kit bag, he bunched her arm tightly above the wound, then rushing down to a spring below, filled his hat with water. But as he stumbled back four men fell upon him and bore him to the ground—the same men who had shot at him from the hill. Stewart was conscious of the savage words and brutal kicks, then a heavy blow on the head and he knew nothing more.

Conway's men bent anxiously over the girl. She had fainted. One of them lifted her gently and started homeward along the trail, while the others raised the unconscious policeman and tied him across his own horse. Then, leading his pony behind, they, too, started back along the trail.

Arrived in the clearing they pulled him from the horse, and throwing him roughly on the floor of the storehouse cabin, secured the door.

During most of the day Conway's men had been drinking and through the evening they kept it up. They became a turbulent crew. Their voices grew loud and angry. Out by the spring they cursed and shouted and vowed to hang the young Mountie at moonrise. And their angry words reached the ears of Conway's daughter.

She lay on her bed in the inner room with chaps and flannel shirt still on, just as she had been carried in. The wounded arm had been carefully dressed and bound in a sling by Old Indian Joe, the doctor of the outfit, and she had been left to rest.

Now, as she awakened from a fitful sleep, she heard the curses of the men, heard their dreadful threat. She sat bolt upright in the darkness, her eyes wide with horror. In a flash her mind seemed to clear. Her memory returned for the first time since the shooting, and she recalled all that had happened. She got to her feet and stood by the bed, swaying dizzily. Her eyes closed wearily; her head was hot and tired.

As the shouting in the yard continued the girl shuddered. She realized that she must act quickly. Their awful plan must be frustrated. She thought of her father. Could he prevent it? She doubted it. Ill and helpless as he was, his orders would not move these angry men tonight.

She went into the outer room. Her father was peacefully sleeping. It was eight o'clock; the moon would be up in an hour. She heard the men go into their cabin, where the loud talking broke out anew.

The girl wasted no time. Crossing to the cupboard she filled a bag with bread and meat, then quietly left the cabin. Outside the constable's horse was tied up near the barn. Neither saddle nor bridle had been removed. Quickly she led it out of the clearing and along the south trail for perhaps a hundred yards, where she tied it to a small fir tree. Back in the clearing again she paused, weakly.

The injured arm was very painful; her head was throbbing wildly. But a great determination kept her going, and she turned to the storehouse cabin as the most likely place where the prisoner would be kept. It was no easy matter to unfasten the heavy chain at the door, but she did it at last, and entered, listening breathlessly for any sound. Then she spoke low in the darkness, and a man's voice answered her.

"Come with me, quickly," she said. Her voice was tense. "I've got your horse ready down the trail. If you value your life, hurry."

Together they left the cabin and, entering the woods close by, hurried towards the trail. As they reached the waiting horse, the girl turned quickly.

"Follow this trail for three miles—up to the big bend in the river, and then take the trail to the left. I'll take you to Johnston Forks, and from there's a wagon road to Blue Grass. You can't ride fast when the moon comes up." She indicated the bag of food which she had tied to the saddle, and advised him not to lose it, lest he go hungry. "Watch out for the trail," she warned. "It's pretty bad in places. Never come into this valley again. Good-bye."

And before Stewart realized it, she has disappeared up the trail.

As the girl returned to the clearing, she saw the men filing out of their brightly-lighted cabin. At once she knew what it meant—they were bent on carrying out their evil design. Her hand went to her throbbing head. What was she to do? At any cost she must gain time for the young policeman and save him from pursuit. Weakly she re-entered the store cabin to take his place on the floor. In a moment the men entered, dragged her out roughly and threw her across a pack-horse. Then one of them led the horse forward and started down the hill towards the river, the others following on foot.

The trail was rough and steep and the men stumbled and fell time and again. Several times the procession halted and long and heated arguments ensued. The moon was just rising as they came out on the river bank.

The girl on the horse was bravely quiet. A queer numbness had come over her; she felt no pain. But her mind was clear and active. She was counting the passing minutes, wondering how far the young rider would be on his way.

By a wide-spreading tree the men paused, and proceeded to pull her off the horse. Not till then did they learn of their mistake. It was a dramatic moment as the girl wheeled about and faced the crew, the moonlight shining full upon her. Amazed and disappointed, the men demanded explanations. But they found no satisfaction, for even as they spoke the girl swayed gently and fell forward on the grass. Again she had fainted, dead away. Again she was carried home to her father's cabin.

At dawn the men started out in pursuit of the escaped constable. But they did not get far. Much the worse for liquor, they were in no condition to ride. It was a dangerous business, for they swayed heavily in their saddles, while the cayuses, driven wild with the merciless spurs, plunged and bucked like mad things. Hardly had they left the clearing than a scream rang out, and a man was thrown from his horse to be dashed hard against a great fir tree. Presently another rider came to grief, as he headed through the timber, when an overhanging branch cut a long, ugly gash in his head. It was a close shave for both. Not a man in the lot but realized that. And the sight of these two riders lying so still, so nearly done to death, brought the others to their senses. Back to the cabin they carried them, and sought to relieve, with what means they had, the pain of their suffering comrades. The thought of what might have been struck terror into them. They thought no more of pursuing the mounted policeman. They had no time to court further trouble. With Conway and his daughter ill, and two severely injured men to look after, it seemed to them that they had trouble enough and to spare.

It was a quiet day in the clearing. The men sobered up. Morning came again. Conway dispatched his riders to the northward, some to get grub at the Crossing, others to scout and learn how it had fared with the men who had gone out to rustle Rideen's cattle.

Three days wore away. Conway's girl was better. In the morning she was up and about the cabin, waiting on her father. But a great restlessness possessed her. She could not explain it. She sensed trouble of some kind. At noon she rode south—up the river to the big bend, to assure herself that the young policeman had got safely out of the valley.

Arrived at the spot where the trail branched off to the left she paused. She had traced his pony's hoofprints to this point and now saw that the hoofprints went no farther. Puzzled, she dismounted and examined the ground carefully. It was plain that he had not proceeded on either trail. Her eyes searched the forest about. In one place the underbrush was trampled down, and the dense peavine was trodden down. She led her horse slowly, searching closely at every step. Down to the river she went, following the way of the trampled peavine. Close by the water was a tumble-down cabin where years ago Chinamen had washed gold from the river. And to this cabin her trail led. As she came out, the policeman's horse trotted out of the thicket towards her and whined as though with joy.

There on the earthen floor of the cabin lay the young man, evidently in a terribly weakened condition. His face was gray and drawn with pain. At the side of his head was a dreadful swelling where Conway's men had struck him.

His eyes opened wonderingly as the girl came in; he seemed like a man in a dream. Then, weakly, he called for water.

She filled his hat at the river, and, returning, raised his head gently from the chill,

damp ground. Slowly he drank the cold river water. And as he did so, his hand went to his head again and again as though he would ease the pain. The girl's eyes softened compassionately. Half lifting, half pulling, she brought him out of the cabin and into the pretty cottonwood grove, where he lay quietly in the warm sunlight.

Four suns rose and set as Conway's daughter stood by and ministered to young Stewart. Every day she went home for food and to attend to her sick father, and at night, when he slept, she returned along the trail to the cottonwood grove by the river to watch and tend the camp fire which kept the wild creatures away.

Stewart rallied at last. His sturdy constitution stood him in good stead. He talked by the hour to the girl beside him. How he had reached the cabin he could not remember. He only knew that as he rode along the trail on the fateful night, the maddening pain in his head had overcome him.

Through the lovely spring days he lay and dreamed his bright new dreams. All night his thoughts were of the dark haired girl who had saved his life. His heart sang within him. The world shone for him with a new light. The birds' songs seemed sweeter, far sweeter than ever before.

To the girl, too, the skies above seemed a softer blue, and the warm sunshine had a new radiance. In her face was a new-found happiness; in her heart a new-found joy.

Their days became a golden dream with love as the beacon shining, the light which nothing could dim. The hours flew by unheeded as they hoped and planned for the future, for the wonderful days to come.

Stewart was for a wedding on short notice, and sought to impress upon her the fact that the Upper Lake Mission was only seventy miles away. But the other was deaf to his pleadings in this regard. Her father, she said, had need of her for a while yet.

The fifth day came, when the young constable was able to be up and around. The two stood by the camp fire in the leafy grove. It was late afternoon. The wide valley was still and peaceful.

Then, suddenly through the quiet air, there came the sound of pounding hoofs. Both sprang to their saddles and waited for the passing of the rider. The sound grew nearer, louder, and in a moment two men rode up to the fire.

One was small and stockily built and the other a broad-shouldered man, wearing the Northwest uniform. The girl regarded the latter shrewdly. Instinctively she recognized him as Rankin, the Mounted Chief from Fort George, and the man who had struck terror into the evildoers of the North. He was past middle age and white haired, and his face was heavily lined.

He regarded Stewart with considerable surprise, and demanded an account of his recent patrol.

The small man had dismounted hurriedly and rushed over to the girl. She was riding the racehorse Mohawk, all unconscious of his fame. And this stout party who now confronted her was Munter, the owner of the fleet-footed steed. For the last nine days he had been scouring the country in search of his valued possession.

Now he fairly screamed at the girl as he ordered her to dismount. But the other showed no signs of obeying. Instead, she regarded him coolly, upon the other, in his frenzy, attempted to drag her off the horse.

"Go slow, there," Stewart called out to him, warningly, as he rode up beside the girl. "Just keep your hands off, sir."

His eyes gleamed angrily.

But the small man was not to be intimidated. "Get off my horse, you huzzy," he yelled, "or I'll pull you off, so I will." His face was red with rage. "You d— thief—you."

Both policemen listened in amazement. To have thus found the missing racer astounded them, indeed.

At last the Chief spoke. His look was stern. "So you're Conway's girl," he said, as though taking it for granted. "I am, sir," she answered.

Rankin regarded her intently. For a moment his face lost its sternness, and a strange wistful look came into his eyes. He seemed to struggle with a sudden emotion, as if her young face brought up memories of a past long dead.

"Well, little girl," he said, "you'd better hurry home." His voice was very kind. "Your father is ill and he wants you. We've just come from his cabin."

The girl's face went white. Her eyes seemed to read his soul. She caught a hidden meaning in his words.

With a sudden cry she turned the racer's head and galloped from the grove out towards the trail. Munter yelled wildly after his horse, as though hoping to call him back. Then the three rode out of the thicket and followed the way she had gone.

(To be concluded next Sunday.)

THE GRANDMOTHER

Upon her folded hands the sunshine falls,
Bathing their lines and scars of toil in light,
And they are quiet as the evening earth.
That waits in peace the coming of night.

She has held children's children in her arms,
Whose babies soon may lie against her breast;

Now, in the shade of memories withdrawn,
In the high midday sun she sits at rest.

To her, remote, with her completed life,
About her like a garment, age is kind,
For still her children, small and very dear,
Play in the secret dwelling of her mind.

—Gladys Hazel.

Christmas Giving

THE desire to share its joy with others is the spontaneous expression of all true happiness. This is the original reason for the giving of presents at Christmas time. However formal the practise may have become in some quarters, however overlaid with conventionality and commercialism, it originated in the overflowing of hearts delivered from bondage and made glad with life and hope.

Therefore the first requisite for successful giving must be a happy giver. There will then be a warmth and fragrance about the offering which will make it what it should be, an expression of goodwill and love. There is a great deal of discontent and unhappiness abroad today, which is quite without excuse. "Merry Christmas!" sneers Scrooge. "What right have you to be merry? What reason have you to be merry? You're poor enough."

And the nephew counters gaily, "What right have you to be dismal? What reason have you to be morose? You're rich enough."

Of course, the answer is that there is no reason for merriment or discontent except in the attitude of the heart towards life. Looking at the few who are more prosperous than ourselves breeds discontent. Looking at the many who are less fortunate induces a sense of humble and grateful contentment, and this is the state of mind that will give good gifts to others.

The Generous Giver

Of course, for the full enjoyment of this part of the Christmas celebration, one should possess sufficient means to be able to gratify one's desire to give with at least only a moderate amount of planning and scheming. It is hard when the means are so restricted that the generous spirit is hampered and fettered, though even then it will be strange if it does not find some way of expression. It is the ungenerous heart that must give only costly things, because its delight is not in the giving, but in the pride of giving. True generosity will give even small things just to gratify its longing to give. It would prefer that the gifts might more adequately express its longing, but as that may not be, it will give what it can with such a grace of love that he must be a churlish receiver who does not see in the gift the symbol of love.

But while restricted means are unpleasant, unbounded means must be a heavy affliction. The millionaire deserves our tenderest pity. What adventures in planning can he know? What equivalent has he for the anxious balancing of the claims of roller skates, toy automobiles, or Baby Ella dolls and the triumphant final inclusion of all three in the budget by the simple solution of paring down one's own expenses for a time?

Most Cheerful Givers

Children are the best givers as they are the most whole-souled receivers. As soon as the first frost suggests the approach of Winter, and consequently of Christmas, they begin to send out questionnaires as to what presents would be most welcome, and thenceforward the atmosphere becomes charged with secrecy. Darkly mysterious inquiries are put as to favorite colors and personal measurements, and lastly, the secret being ready to burst forth, one is invited to guess what letter the present begins with, whether it is hard or soft, which presents an unrivalled opportunity for the adult who knows how to play the game of displaying the most penetrable density of mind. No one can take such intense delight in the thought of giving, nor can anything mar the subsequent pride and satisfaction in seeing the gift positively in use. Can any gifts be choicer than these? Not for many years shall we need spectacles to help us to see the large irregular stitches, and never shall we need help in seeing the small hanks struggling with the love-appointed task.

Choicest Gifts

Yet there are gifts rarer and choicer than these. There are gifts that come from hearts that have felt a lifetime's gladness and sorrow, whose thoughts for us invariably have a way of turning into prayers as they wait in peace by the river side for the token which is an arrow sharpened by love. There are no gifts to compare with these, though perhaps made with large stitches, too, for the sight is dim and the hands tremble which have faithfully performed their tasks for a lifetime.

The value of the gift, then, depends upon the giver. The heart must be given first or the gift is worthless. If we give gifts to our friends and do not also in the softened moment resolve to check the spirit of censure; if we give presents to our nearest and dearest and think nothing about lessening the hasty words with which we tear them, we are giving only the husks and withholding the reality. The public has been asked to contribute this year in aid of the less fortunate members of the community. Never was the need more urgent, and it must be remembered that it will not end with the Christmas season. Yet the material help will be of little value if there is not also a general desire to be more kindly, more considerate, more neighborly, in short, in all the richness which a certain parable has given to the world.

The craving need of the world today is for more goodwill, more forbearance and more of that justice which alone deserves the name that takes count of all circumstances before passing judgment. But we have been told all this times without number, not only from the pulpit, but from platform and in press. What, then, hinders us from putting precept into practice? Surely our own hearts tell us that it is nothing but self; self in its hundred forms of aggrandizement, pride, prejudice and the rest, prevents the coming of the golden age. The greatest tyranny known in human history is the tyranny of self, and it was to deliver men from this bondage that He came whose birthday we celebrate today. If the Son shall make von free, ye shall be free indeed. This is the freedom that can make all things new to the heart that experiences it. Coming near in the extremity of self-sacrifice, even to the death of the cross, Christ offers to all men nothing less than Himself, and before His presence self steals away as darkness and fear fled before the triumphant song of the angels, and its place is taken by love, which delights in service.—G. Altire Coley.

Vaudeville
Drama

AMUSEMENTS

Pictures
Music**"CALL OF THE NORTH"**
A GRIPPING STORY

Dominion Theatre Patrons Will See Great Paramount Production During Coming Week

The announcement by Paramount of the elevation of Jack Holt to stardom and the release of his first picture, "The Call of the North," which will be the feature at the Dominion Theatre all this week, illustrates the old saying that talent and hard work are sure to win out at some stage of the game.

Mr. Holt's progress as a screen player during the past two years is another demonstration of the fact that personal magnetism, coupled with ability to interpret roles naturally, wins a definite place among picture patrons and registers powerfully with the fans. Although he played important roles in several Paramount productions, including William de Mille's "Midsummer Madness," Mr. Holt was not featured in the true sense of that word. Nevertheless, the public recognized his work, as comments from all parts of the country testify.

Mr. Holt typifies clean-cut young American manhood, and it is pursued by Paramount to give him stories which will enable him to appear in the out-of-door settings which become him best. He will play roles typifying virile, athletic young men—roles that fit his own personality of an out-of-door man. A horseman, an athlete, a man who has grown up in the West, Mr. Holt will be seen in pictures of the West, the Canadian Northwest and similar settings, which

AMUSEMENTS TOMORROW

The Stage
Royal—"Babes in the Wood".
Pantages—Shakespearean Plays.

The Screen
Capitol—"Beside the Bonny Brier Bush."
Variety—"The Girl From God's Country."
Dominion—"The Call of the North."
Columbia—"Gipsy Blood."

VICTORIA GIRL TO
STAR IN FILM HERE

Nell Shipman, Now Famous Screen Actress, at Variety Theatre in "The Girl From God's Country"

Nell Shipman, author and star of "The Girl From God's Country," which will appear at the Variety Theatre tomorrow, was born in Victoria. She does not claim any professional lineage, her parents being a dignified, aristocratic old English family, but she possessed dramatic talents of a prodigy, and at the age of nine years and with the consent of her parents she made her debut, and soon made a reputation as a child actress on the legitimate stage, playing extensively in Canada and in the eastern cities of the States. She first played in pictures during the old Biograph days, later with Vitagraph, Fox and Lasky, and then with her own company, producing "Back to God's Country."

Nell Shipman is a typical outdoor

"BONNIE BRIER BUSH"
IS CAPITOL OFFERING

Famous Scotch Story Will Be Pictured During Coming Week—All-Star Cast to Interpret Characters

A cast of exceptional excellence was chosen by Donald Crisp, producer, to portray the leading roles of "The Bonnie Brier Bush," a Paramount picture made in England, which will be the feature at the Capitol Theatre this week. Most of the roles are character parts, which called for subtle and individual types, and several hundred persons were interviewed before the cast was completed.

Mr. Crisp was fortunate in his choice of Alec Fraser as his leading man. Mr. Fraser is a young actor with a good presence who has appeared in several still productions and who has earned for himself a considerable reputation on the musical comedy stage. Jerrold Robertson, a distinguished actor of the legitimate stage, is seen in the part of the Earl of Kinsland. Donald Crisp himself is both actor in and director of the picture. He appears in the role of Lachlan Campbell, an austere Highland shepherd, while Mary Glynn portrays the role of his daughter, Flora.

The company was in Scotland for five weeks and many beautiful exterior "shots" were obtained. The interior of Lachlan Campbell's cottage was made from actual photographs. The banqueting hall of Drumtochty Castle is one of the handsomest sets made for any motion picture to date. In keeping with the Scotch atmosphere prevailing at the Capitol this week will be the appearance of Turner Beaton, a new Scotch baritone, who will be heard in Scotch

On View at the Variety Theatre All This Week



Scene From Film Showing All This Week

will give play to his own characteristics and personality.

In "Midsummer Madness" and "The Lost Roman," Mr. Holt gave performances which must be counted among the most finished and powerful in the history of the screen; in fact, in all his pictures his work has been marked by that repression and thoughtfulness and understanding of human nature and everyday life which makes the ideally acted character a real human being.

Mr. Holt is admirably supported in "The Call of the North." Madge Bellamy, pretty and petite, who made her debut as a leading woman in motion pictures only a short time ago in Thomas H. Ince productions, was chosen to play the role of Virginia Albert. Although her experience before the camera has been of short duration, Miss Bellamy, despite her extreme youth, is a seasoned actress with considerable legitimate experience. She played the dream girl in "Dear Brutus" with William Gillette, and also enacted "Polyanna," "Peg O' My Heart" and other famous dramatic roles. Five feet, two inches tall, weighing exactly one hundred pounds, she makes a delightful lead for the manly new Paramount star.

Noah Berry, noted for numerous powerful character roles in such pictures as George Melford's "The Sea Wolf," "The Red Lantern," "The Sagebrusher," etc., has the part of Helen Albert. Mr. Berry has distinguished himself not only as a master of character work, but as a most prolific make-up artist. His strong, rugged features are especially adapted to the portrayal of this character in the new picture.

Francis McDonald, to whom has been entrusted the role of Achilles Plead, has a screen experience of several years, with some of the principal producers. He will be recalled for his work in "The Confession," "The Passion Flower," "The Kentucky Colonel." These three players are the principals of the supporting cast which includes also Edward Langford, Helen Ferguson and Jack Herbert. The story is strong and convincing and both as a novel and a drama proved highly popular.

Joseph Henabery directed the picture, and it was produced under the personal supervision of Rollin Sturgeson.

girl. Like her stories, she radiates that fullness of life that is so beautifully shown in her current production, "The Girl From God's Country." She enjoys all sports, is an expert swimmer and aviator, having been a licensed pilot for three years, plays golf and all other athletic games, paddles a canoe, is a daring automobilist—and does all equally well. She is a good shot, but never hunts for game and does not believe in wearing furs.

Miss Shipman does not consider that it is "roughing it" to live out of doors without the convenience of a home. She will roll up in a blanket on the ground on the desert or in the mountains and enjoy a night's sleep better than in a real bed at home.



MADGE BELLAMY

Lead of the Paris Opera House, who arranged the dances for "The Bonnie Brier Bush," which plays at the Royal Victoria all week, commencing Monday matinee.

songs, which he renders as only a Scotchman can. His fine baritone will certainly please Capitol audiences. By special request he will sing "Lassie of Mine" and "My Ain Folk."

JOHN E. KELLER AT
PANTAGES THIS WEEK

Famous Shakespearean Actor and Tragedian Will Interpret Productions of Bard of Avon—Capable Company

Mr. John E. Keller, the eminent Shakespearean and classical actor, will be seen at the Pantages Theatre this week.

To us Shakespeare is the mighty creator of character and the reader of the human soul. Jonson sets Shakespeare above Lily, Kyd and Marlowe, and beside Euripides, Aeschylus and Sophocles. For the interpretation of his mighty characters it is essential that the actor must be a man possessed of a high intelligence. The great power of John E. Keller lies in a mystic temperament coupled with a keen conception of each tragedy as a whole. In his skilful hands "Hamlet" is released from the chains of academic psychology and becomes alive, animated by natural impulses, and is a real man, human and understandable. In "Macbeth" he gives us a dignified figure, big voiced, primitive in reasoning, stalking toward his ambitions through bloody deeds, haunted by ghosts of innocent victims. Other Macbeths are in memory, but none more deeply significant of the man and time. His "Shylock" is a remarkably sympathetic interpretation, far above all questions of race and creed. The Venetian Jew is shown to be moved by the same emotions as any human being, and maintains a patient dignity even in defeat. In "Othello," as in all the creations of this actor, his Moor is dominated by brain rather than brawn. Keller



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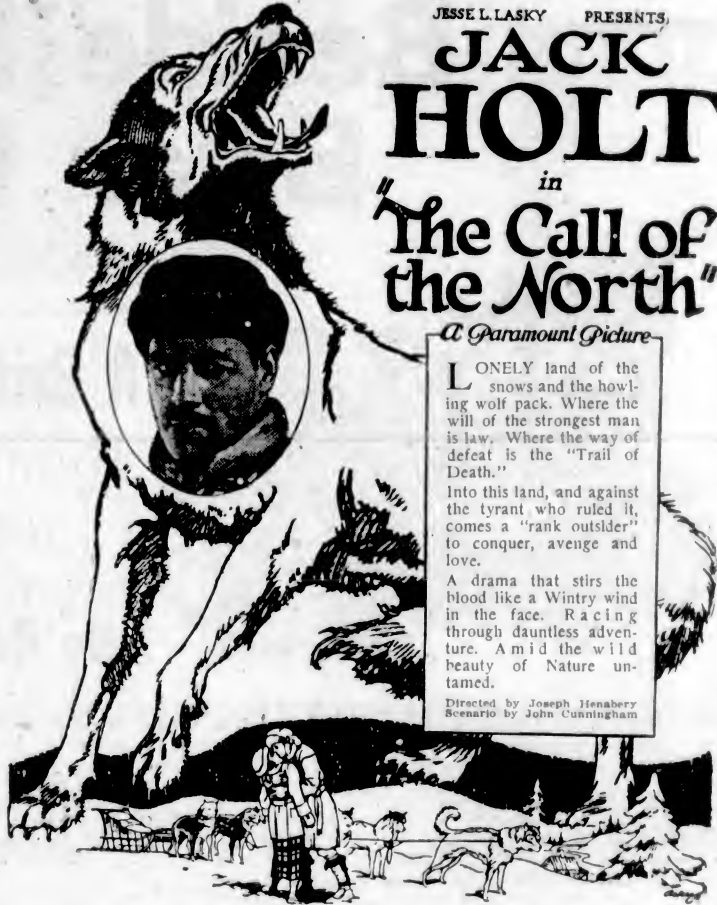
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COMING—Mary Pickford in "Little Lord Fauntleroy"

gives a beautiful portrayal of the simple, great-hearted soldier, who has no room for deceit in his own big mind and heart, and does not recognize it in others. A noted critic said, in referring to Keller's career on the stage, "He may walk with the best of our tragedians past and present, and not be ashamed in that august company."

Is at the Dominion



Jack Holt, Who Will Be Seen in "The Call of the North."

"GYPSY BLOOD" IS
COLUMBIA FEATURE

Pola Negri, Famous Emotional Actress of Europe, Appears in Star Role of Sensational Play

"Gypsy Blood," starring Pola Negri, the great emotional actress of the European continent, who made her debut on the American screen in "Passion," is coming to the Columbia Theatre this week for an engagement of three days.

This production, which has been made on an elaborate scale with thousands in the cast, is said to be a wonderful successor to "Passion." It was produced on the continent under the direction of Ernst Lubitsch and was brought to American shores by Associated First National Pictures, Inc.

"Gypsy Blood" is adapted from Prosper Merimee's original story of "Carmen." Twice before has "Carmen" been done in film, but in those instances they were adaptations of the popular French libretto put to music by Bizet for the opera instead of from the original story, which is quite a different matter.

Pola Negri will be seen in the role of La Carmencita. Harry Haddock, who played Armand in "Passion," appears as Don Jose Navarro, the Spanish dragon who becomes a victim of his own love for the charming but fickle cigarette girl.

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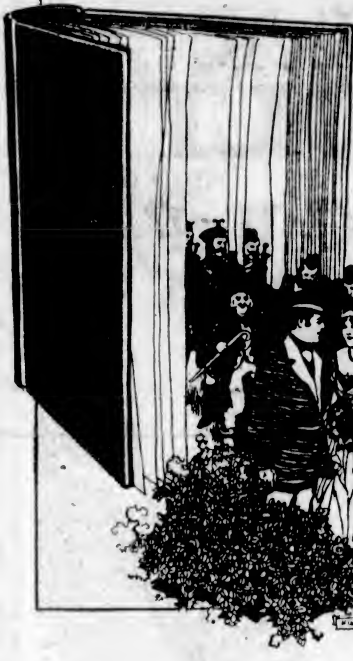
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"BABES IN THE WOOD" SPLENDID PANTOMIME

Coming Week's Attraction at
Royal Victoria Will Provide
Victorians With Excellent
Holiday Attraction

Judging by the way the rehearsals for the "Babes in the Wood" are progressing, it is safe to predict that Victoria is assured of a production lacking none of the snap and pep so essential to pantomime.
Comedy, of course, is the predominating feature, and the fun waxes fast and furious throughout, interspersed with humorous topical songs, dainty dances, and sparkling music, set off by a scintillating beauty chorus of forty voices, which for daintiness and precision of movement bids fair to equal, if it does not surpass, that of a professional company.

Miss Eva Hart and Mrs. Aldous, appearing respectively as Caryl Look and Prince Charming, need no introduction to Victoria audiences, and

their several songs and two pretty duets are certain to captivate.
The Victoria Dramatic and Operatic Society is confident that this will surpass all previous productions undertaken by this ambitious society, and is sparing neither expense nor effort with this end in view. The "Babes in the Wood" will hold the boards at the Royal Victoria Theatre for six nights, commencing Monday, December 26, with matinees Monday and Saturday.

BEAUTY CONTEST ENDS IN DAMAGE SUIT

A claim for \$50,000 damages against Mr. A. Herrick, member of the House of Representatives, is being made by Miss Anna Nibel, a New York girl, who accuses the Congressman of breach of promise.
Mr. Herrick came into prominence some time ago in consequence of his efforts to pass through Congress a bill prohibiting newspaper beauty contests. To prove his contention that such contests resulted in luring girls from home and led to their eventual moral degradation, Mr. Herrick staged a "fake" contest and entered into correspondence with 49 young women entrants with the result that so many threats were made against him by male relatives of the girls that he was obliged to seek police protection. Miss Nibel was one of the 49 girls. She was formerly a member of the famous Ziegfeld "Follies."

"BEGGARS' OPERA" COMING TO VICTORIA

John Gay's Melodious English
Production Opens Three-
Day Engagement at Royal
January 5

When "The Beggar's Opera" comes to the Royal Theatre for a three-day engagement commencing January 5 the West Coast will see for the first time the famous English production which has had a run of over three years in London, despite unsuccessful attempts to surpass it.
For "The Beggar's Opera" is one of the most melodious, artistic and humorous things ever written, nevertheless calls a spade a spade, and it is because it portrays the real life of eighteenth century England, with a debtors' prison for a background, and knaves, criminals and harlots for heroes and heroines. A swanky, rollicking crew of rascals, they are John Gay, who wrote "The Beggar's Opera" in 1728, set it to the music of about sixty-five of the most popular tunes of the day, many of which

have survived. The play proceeds with all the swing and dramatic action of a modern detective yarn or a Robert Louis Stevenson tale. Although Arnold Bennett has trimmed down the lines that were a bit too unvarnished for modern consumption, "The Beggar's Opera" yet has plenty of spice for this jazz-mad age. The parentage of "The Beggar's Opera" is wholly unusual. Dean Swift was consulted by John Gay, who called on Haydn for some of the music. John Gay himself lies buried in Westminster Abbey, with the following inscription on his grave:
"Life is a jest, and all things show it. I once thought so, but now I know it."

No wonder, then, that "The Beggar's Opera" abounds in wit and humor, the like of which has not been heard in America in many years. The combination of real music that is melodious and entirely suited to both dramatic and ludicrous episodes, and a fascinating and swiftly moving story are responsible for the remarkable success of "The Beggar's Opera." Last year a Chicago critic said, "We loved it, it was so melodious, it was so witty, it was wicked," and in saying this he but echoed the opinion of hundreds of thousands who have seen it.

OLD TESTAMENT'S NARRATIVE IS FILMED

Great Interest Being Taken in
Preparation of Series of
Fifty-Two Stories Illustrat-
ing Biblical History

With only four of the 52 Old Testament narratives as related in the Bible finished, and preparations about ready for the filming of a fifth, the Sacred Films, Incorporated, of Burbank, report tremendous interest in these pictures throughout the country. Those who have seen these films shown admit that they are an unusual sight, as unfolded before the audiences is a veritable Holy Land. The heavens are first shown, and in contrast the earth, then throughout the entire series of pictures a panorama of the ancient world and its inhabitants comes in continuous scenes, connecting each together as one would picture that biblical country in the mind's eye.

One feature, however, of these pictures is the fact that the entire number can be used as a serial extending from the creation to the Ascension, or they can be used singly, because each narrative is in itself a complete story. The best authority on biblical literature has been consulted, and in the filming of these Bible pictures the greatest care is given to detail, as well as in the exploitation of the plot, has been taken.

All Bible scholars who are helping to produce these episodes assert that they will be successful not only from the standpoint of box office receipts, but from the standpoint of awakening interest in the Bible and a demand for less of the undesirable drama that has crept into many of the programmes that are viewed every day at motion picture houses.

There is unusual interest in the Bible throughout the country, educators say, by virtue of the fact that Harvard University, as well as many other institutions of learning are making the Bible a part of the re-

quired work of these major educational seats.

The four films which have been completed are "Creation," "Cain and Abel," "Noah's Ark" and "The Deluge." The fifth, "Abraham," is in the making, and will probably be ready for release about the first of the year.

FILMS AND VAUDEVILLE STUNTS FOR STUDENTS

PULLMAN, Wash., Dec. 24.—Commencing Friday, January 6, motion picture shows will be given in a college building every Friday night under the auspices of the students' association of Washington State College, according to an announcement made by Charles Carpenter, chairman of the "movie" committee. A vaudeville stunt by campus talent will be a feature of each show. The first performance will be timed so that it will be over in time for students to attend the all-college dances which are also held Friday nights.

Squadron at Bermuda

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—The ships of the Canadian navy will lie at Bermuda over the holiday. An extra meeting allowance made to all grade of officers and men will insure a measure of extra cheer for Christmas dinner. The squadron outside of the submarine, sail for St. Kitts on Tuesday, the 27th. The submarines will remain at Bermuda the entire winter.

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DANCE IN ARMORIES
TOMORROW NIGHT

Holiday Function Will Be Held by Community Concert Committee of Fifth Regiment—Dress Informal

What will undoubtedly prove a delightful holiday function is the Boxing Day dance which will be held tomorrow night in the new Drill Hall by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. F. R. Robertson, J.R.O., O.C. the Fifth Regiment, C.G.A., and officers of the unit. The affair is being conducted by the Community Concert Committee of the regiment, which is composed of the following: Major J. G. Aitken, chairman; R. M. S. Frank, Hatcher, D. M. M. R. Bowden, D. M. M. Woodhouse, Sergt. Anderson, Corporal A. E. Prescott, Corporal A. E. McIntyre and Bandmaster Zala.

Dancing will commence at 8 p.m., and will continue until 1 a.m. The music will be provided by the full Fifth Regiment Band, under the conductorship of Bandmaster Albert Hunsby, who promises that the dance numbers will be of a most attractive variety. A buffet supper will be served during the evening. Dress for the function will be entirely informal.

It is expected that a large number of the petty officers and bluejackets on the H.M.S. Raleigh will attend tomorrow night. It will likely be the last opportunity they will have of participating in a social gathering in the city before they abandon the Pacific Coast waters. Arrangements have been made to accommodate several thousand people, and judging by the rapid manner in which the tickets for the dance have been selling, the big auditorium will be well filled.

WILL HOLD DANCE IN
COLLEGIANS' HONOR

James Bay Athletic Association Will Entertain Varsity Students at Function in Empress Hotel Ballroom

A dance which promises to be one of the leading social events of the season in Victoria will be held in the Empress Hotel ballroom on Saturday, January 1, when the James Bay Athletic Association will entertain over three hundred students attending the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. The college class are coming over to the Capital to engage in a number of sporting competitions with the J.B.A.A. athletes, and the big dance on January 1 will be a fitting culmination to the visitors' programme.

The function will be held under the distinguished patronage of His Honor Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. W. C. Nichol, Brigadier-General and Mrs. E. P. Clark, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. P. A. Robertson, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. McKechnie, of Vancouver, and President and Mrs. Killick.

Dancing will commence promptly at 8:45 o'clock, and will continue until midnight. Henton's orchestra has been secured. The big ballroom will be tastefully decorated for the occasion and a buffet supper will be served during the evening.

A strong committee of the J.B.A.A. is making all arrangements for the college class to the city. The personnel of the committee is as follows: Mr. J. A. Wickson, chairman; Messrs. Harry Walker, Ross Crane, Robert Travis, H. Cummings, George Allan, H. Watson, Aubrey Wallis, O. C. Wallis, C. W. Pauline, Dan O'Sullivan, F. Frost, E. George and H. L. Johnson.

Tickets for the dance may be obtained at the J.B.A.A. club quarters on Belleville Street, George Ralston's and Frost & Frost's on Douglas Street. As the number of tickets is limited, those intending to attend the function are advised to make their reservations without delay to avoid possible disappointment.

WELSH TO REVIVE
AN ANCIENT CUSTOM

Will Usher in New Year With Celebration to Be Held in Conservative Club Rooms

On New Year's Eve the local Welsh people intend reviving the ancient custom of celebrating the advent of



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the New Year. The whole of the top floor of the Campbell Building has been secured for the occasion.

This celebration, which is being supported by many of our prominent Welsh citizens, including professional and business men, is the inauguration of a year of renewed activity by the local Welsh Society. The proceedings will open at 6:30 p.m. with a children's competitive concert, after which refreshments, provided by the ladies, will be served to the youngsters, to be followed by the distribution of presents to every Welsh child as well as prizes to the successful competitors. The adult programme will commence at 8:30 p.m., when recitations, songs, duets, quartettes and choruses will be rendered by numerous artists. A buffet supper will be served at 10:30 p.m.

The programme committee, Messrs. W. Vaughan Jones, J. O. Jones and W. Davis Morgan, extends the invitation to all Welsh people of the city and district to be present and assist in making this a banner night for the local society. There will be no admittance charge. Further information may be secured by phoning 723.

AUDIENCES SHOULD
HAVE HIGH MOTIVE

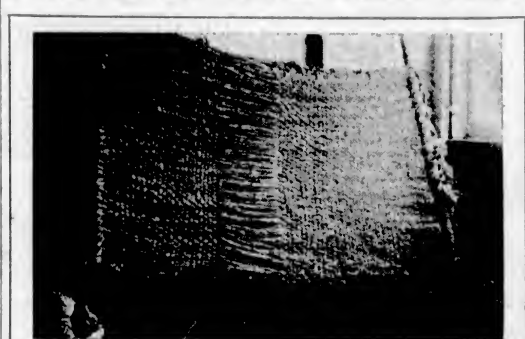
Concert audiences should demand that pianists should have a message, no matter how difficult or simple the selection given, according to Leonard D. Henton, noted pianist, of Winnipeg, who is a brother of Mr. Cecil W. Henton, Victoria musician.

In reading over the mail order list of a prominent pianist who came to the city recently to delight us with his supreme art, I was astounded to notice how many well-meaning people asked for seats from where they could watch the pianist's hands. This set me thinking, and brought up the question: Why do people go to a piano recital and just what does it mean to them?

Of course, if the request for a seat where one can see the pianist's hand is a simple way of saying, where one can see the pianist—in order that the impress of the artist's personality may be carried over with his interpretation to the hearer—then one is justified, just as naturally as one would not want to go to hear a speaker who couldn't be seen. On the other hand, what pianist, singer or speaker would want to perform without that electric influence that is consequent upon "feeling" his audience which is only possible when facing it.

And yet there are people who go to the piano recital with the mistaken idea that they can learn of the great secrets of piano playing by seeing how the performer manipulates his hands, and even be entertained by the finger gymnastics. I am pleased that the audience should have a much higher motive. Who, for instance, would think of going to a vocal recital to see the vocalist's throat, no matter how lovely it might be? The time has

First of Its Kind Made Here



The above is a picture of the first hand-woven rug known to have been made on the island. This rug is to be seen at Mrs. Dennis Harris' home.

gone when the pianist throws up his hands and performs all the rest of the old tricks just for effect; these belong to the vaudeville stage, where you can even see a man playing the piano standing on his head, or playing "God Save the King" with one hand, "Home, Sweet Home" with the other and dancing a jig with his feet.

The audience should demand of the pianist that he have a message, and that no matter how difficult or simple the selection given, unless he conveys that message, not all the astounding feats of strength or skill or finger agility, can in any way compensate for its absence. Dalcroze, in a recent book said: "Every really musical spectator should be able to judge whether a virtuoso has

adequately analyzed the work he is professing to interpret, to convey its message and general emotion—or whether he has merely studied the difficult passages, one after another, without attempting to animate the whole with a consistent impulse of organic life."

East Africa Indians
LONDON, Dec. 24.—Acting on the advice of the Indian Government, says a letter cable from Nairobi, British East Africa, the Indians there have decided to accept temporarily the political representation recently offered to them by the Governor, namely, four seats in the legislature and one of the executive.

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Motoring on Vancouver Island

KEEP TO THE RIGHT AFTER DECEMBER 31

Rule of the Road in British Columbia Changes on January 1st Next—Drive Slowly and Carefully

One week today the rule of the road throughout British Columbia will be "Keep to the Right."

The Provincial Department of Public Works is giving the fullest publicity to the forthcoming change, which becomes effective at 6 o'clock Monday morning, January 1st, 1922.

Throughout the Province signboards which a few weeks ago bore the slogan, "Canada Needs Neighbors," are now covered with a warning to drive slowly for a few days after January 1st. Whole page advertisements are being inserted in 13 publications, and there will be large advertisements in all the daily papers in the affected area a short time prior to January 1st.

District engineers have put up cloth notices notifying when the change takes place; to see that all "Keep to the Left" signs, including those in cities and municipalities are taken down by the evening of Saturday, December 31st, and put up on the morning of January 1st at conspicuous points on principal highways cloth notices bearing the words: "Keep to the Right."

All owners of motor vehicles will receive from the Provincial Superintendent of Police a "sticker" to attach to his windshield. These stickers will also be posted at depots and wharves. Circulars are being sent to

city and municipal clerks, government agents, boards of trade, automobile associations, customs officials, farmers' institutes, women's institutes, Good Roads Association, B. C. and Alberta Chambers of Commerce, Washington State authorities and the Provincial and Municipal Police.

Can't notices will also be posted at conspicuous points on the important highways. Telegraph poles throughout the city are now decorated with placards telling when the change comes into effect.

NEW EVINRUDE

George Horrocks, B. C. Distributor, Announces New Lightweight Model—On Market Next Month

Mr. George Horrocks, British Columbia distributor for the Evinrude motor, announced yesterday that the Evinrude Motor Company, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is manufacturing a lightweight model which would be on the market shortly. Mr. Horrocks expects one of the new models about January 15th.

The new Evinrude lightweight model is single cylinder, full two-horsepower, reversible, detachable motor which weighs less than 50 lbs., complete with magneto. "The new model is almost identical in construction with the standard two-horsepower Evinrude," says Mr. Horrocks. There are two exceptions, the automatic reverse and water-cooled exhaust are eliminated to save weight and a remarkable aluminum alloy is substituted for many brass and steel parts. The lightweight is designed for the man who carries his motor with him to various lakes, or who finds it necessary to frequently remove the motor from the boat. Thousands have requested a lightweight model Evinrude, with the result the factory got busy and produced this motor.

Pennsylvania has 231 highway construction jobs on hand.

Saanich Arm in Cold, Wintry Dress



Photo by R. L. Poteck
The above was taken from Inspiration Point on Malahat Drive. It is a particularly striking view of the long reach of the Saanich Inlet, and invariably inspires exclamations of appreciation from tourists. Mount Newton, shown in the centre background, is more than twelve miles distant from the point of view.

REAR AXLE IS HARD WORKING PART OF CAR

Its Troubles Are Many, Its Work Humble, But It Signifies Power and Must Be Looked After

(By ALEXANDER JOHNSTON)
(Editor of Motor)

The rear axle of the motor car is an intensely hard-working part of the mechanism, and it needs certain definite care, if it is to be able to perform its duties properly. The rear axle not only helps bear the weight of the car, but it transmits the power to the driving wheels.

Rear axles as they are used on cars of today are of the type known as "live." That means simply that they turn. Dead axles were used in the days when double chain drive was in vogue and these axles did not turn. The live axle of today consists primarily of a special housing in the centre from which project two tubes. In the central housing is the differential unit, extending from which are two shafts, one through each of the tubes described before.

And now we come to the subdivision of axle types, known respectively as floating, semi-floating and three-quarter floating. The floating axle shafts are not called upon to support any of the weight of the car, but simply drive the wheels and take some of the torsional stress. In this type the wheel bearings are outside of the axle tubes. In the floating axle the shafts may be removed without taking down the other parts or disturbing the wheels.

Semi-Floating Axle
In the semi-floating axle the outer tube bearings are inside the tube and the shafts carry some of the load. In this type it is not so easy to remove the shafts because the wheels must be removed. The three-quarter type has the outer tube bearings on the outside of the tube and there is a rigid connection between the shafts and the wheels. In this type the shafts support a small part of the load in addition to transmitting power.

One gear type, the spiral bevel, practically monopolizes the passenger car. This type is used for all straight gears, but it is a minority of one. Chipping is the greatest ailment that afflicts the rear axle gears, and if the unit is not protected against this it may easily be ruined. The chips of metal get into the gears and if they are large enough may throw the unit out of line, when further chipping will occur with cumulative consequences. Once a season, anyway, the rear axle should be drained, after which new oil should be put in.

Many Troubles
Rear axle troubles include broken or twisted shafts, crushed bearings and other ills. When any part of the rear axle assembly breaks, the first thing to do is to ascertain what caused the break. If some of the parts have gotten out of alignment, installing new parts in place of broken ones will not cure the trouble, for the misalignment will soon cause another break. When the intermittent hum comes from the rear axle it may be accepted as a sign that something is out of line—the gears or bearings badly worn, the ring gear warped, or otherwise running untrue. The task of realigning the rear axle unit is beyond most car owners and should be entrusted to a competent service station.

In putting oil in the rear axle be careful not to overdo it. Too much oil gives a chance for the excess to work its way along the axle tube, whence it gets into the brakes and ruins their efficiency. In cases where the leakage is chronic for some reason or other, new felt washers may be installed to keep the oil in, or a hole may be drilled in the end of the tube to let the excess oil escape. Some rear axle have negotiating spring supports, and these, too, must be lubricated at the place where they turn within the axle tubes.

RUBBER ON NEW TIRE TREAD WEARS SLOWLY

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OLD "TWIN-FOUR" HAS MANY FEATURES

The Revercomb Motors, Limited, Receive Shipment of New Models—Causing Lot of Interest

Considerable interest is being taken over the new Oldsmobile "Twin-Four" models, a carload of which was received last week by the Revercomb Motors, Limited, Yates Street. The large showroom has been continually filled by local motorists eager to see the latest product of the Olds factory. The "Twin-Four" is the latest word in automobiles. The appearance of the new car is somewhat like former models. This model car, possessing an increase in beauty of form and richness of finish, is compactly built on a rugged chassis of 115-inch wheelbase. The factory claims that in both actual operation and in maintenance it sets a new standard of eight-cylinder economy.

The "Twin-Four" has many special features which include: specially designed tail lamp, this is a double lamp which throws a strong white light behind. This lamp works automatically when the gear shift is thrown into reverse; ventilator in cowl, also cowl side lamps to match specially designed barrel-shaped head lamps; new type transmission power tire pump; shutters, pre-cooled oiling device; meter on instrument board, showing temperature of motor at all times; rear side curtains have a specially designed heavy bevelled glass.

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Ford Spark Tester Explained
Here is a home-made instrument designed to test the spark given off by all four ignition cables of the Ford at once. Five nails are driven through a square board, four at the corners and one in the middle. The corner nails are then bent so that their ends come within an eighth of an inch of the centre nail. Slip the ends of the four ignition cables over the four corner nails, turn over the engine and the sparks will show at the centre nail if everything is all right.

Chicago Bans Red Cars
According to an ordinance passed by Chicago, privately owned automobiles painted red will not be permitted to travel the highways. Interference by red cars with fire department activities is given as the reason for the new ruling.

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APOCRYPHA FOR USE IN CHURCH

Correspondence London Times

A proposal will be made at next year's meetings of the National Assembly of the Church of England to allow the use of the new lectionary, already accepted by Convocation, instead of the present Table of Lessons, which came into use in 1871. An amendment will be moved with the object of getting rid of the lessons chosen from the Apocrypha, thus confining the public reading of the Bible to the canonical writings. It appears that the proposed lectionary allows the Apocrypha to be read on 14 ordinary weekdays, 16 holy days, and 35 Sundays, and in this way reverses the plan adopted 50 years ago, when the number of lessons from these books was considerably reduced. However, owing to the system of alternative lessons provided in the new tables, these lessons may easily be ignored.

The Apocrypha consists of those Greek writings incorporated into the Septuagint, or the Greek version of the Hebrew Scriptures, which had gained wide currency in the centuries before the Christian era. They were grouped together under the title Apocrypha, or hidden books, because they were not commonly known or because their meaning or authorship was obscure. They were widely well-known.

The Church of England declares that the Apocryphal books are to be read for example of life and instruction of manners, but adds that they are not to be used to establish any doctrine. But the light they throw on the history of the Jews between the Old and the New Testaments and the development of doctrine during that period makes their value clear to every student. In a word, it is necessary to be acquainted with these works if we are to gain anything like an adequate conception of the growth of Jewish belief and the relation of Apostolic doctrine to contemporary religion. The Hebrew Scriptures, for instance, give us little more than dim indications of the hope of immortality, but when the reader turns to the Apocrypha he becomes aware of a much clearer conception of the future life and its influence on the Apostolic writers. The progress of religion was not suspended. It must be added that the Apocrypha were the record of some of the proudest episodes in the history of a wonderful race, and to be unfamiliar with the two books of the Maccabees is to be unable to appreciate the spirit which animated the Jews in the two centuries before Christ and the century after Him, and indeed which survives even to the present time.

If the Church of England were to banish all reading of the Apocrypha from its public services it would depart from the custom of the Church both in East and West from the earliest times. The Scriptures of the Greek and Roman Churches contain these books, and a Bible without them is regarded by their members as merely a sectarian compilation. It was not until 1824, when the British and Foreign Bible Society, in an ill-considered moment, determined, in spite of the opposition of men like Charles Simson and Venn, to confine their grants to the Scriptures without the Apocrypha, that it fell into such general neglect. Anything which would tend to banish the Apocrypha into a still greater obscurity is to be deprecated. The books retain their value for their own religious interest, the light they throw on the New Testament, and the place they have won in English literature.

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ORIGIN OF EUROPEAN LANGUAGE AND RACE

Professor Bender, the Princeton Indo-Germanic philologist, has been considering in a lecture "The Aryan Question: Did the Languages of Europe Come From Asia?" Ever since the foundation of comparative philology this question has been with us. To that great group of languages, embracing all those of Europe save Basque, Finnish, Magyar and Turkish, and including the fourteen modern Indian languages descended from Sanskrit, the Aryan languages, of which Zend and Persian are the best known, and the Armenian, divers insufficient and inaccurate names, Indo-Germanic, Indo-European, Aryan, have been given. Max Mueller invented the word "Aryan," which seemed to imply that ancient Arians, the region about Herat, was the "home district" of the Aryan languages; and sixty years ago he was disseminating misinformation by talking about "an Aryan race," an "Aryan family," and so on.

Mueller's Misconception

His assumption of an ancestry of all the speakers of Aryan tongues, an immense misconception. Everybody knows, and the anthropologists have long agreed, that the identity of speech doesn't involve identity of race, says The New York Times. In those days, however, the "cradle of the Aryan race," the valley of the Caspian, indeed, in the valley of the Euphrates. The upper waters of the Oxus, in Central Asia, were a favorite site. Monier Williams clung to the "Aryan" theory of the Aryan origin and a great immigration to Europe, the amusing theory that emigration always followed the sun's movement. Yet seventy years ago Dr. Latham asserted that there wasn't a single valid argument for the Asiatic origin of the Aryan languages.

Merely an Assumption

There was nothing in favor of the latter supposition. It was pure assumption. The great body of Aryan speakers, almost homogeneous, was in Europe. It was more reasonable to suppose that the lesser, the Asiatic, the Celtic, Slavonic, Greek, Latin, German, went to Europe from Asia.

The Cradle of the Race

Professor Bender, after eliminating for ethnological, archaeological or philological reasons the rest of Europe, inclines to think that the balance of probability leans toward the great plain of Central and South-eastern Europe, which embraces, roughly, the present Poland, Lithuania, Ukraine and Russia south and west of the Volga.

It Remains Uncertain

In that great plain the Lithuanians, whose actual speech keeps more evidence of the Aryan foretime than any other, seem to have dwelt in their present location for at least 5,000 years, which would approximate the duration of the Indo-European period, so far as it is known. There is probably no other part of Indo-European territory for which there is so much evidence of continuous non-Indo-European predecessors.

Many will believe and many doubt. At least the Poles will never admit this precedence of the Lithuanians.

Spring Seat Lubrication

Many present day cars are fitted with springs mounted on seats that are oiled. These spring seats, usually have some means of lubrication, but many car owners never take the trouble simply to turn up the grease cup.

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WHEN LABOR BECOMES SUPREME

The most pungent criticism of the labor movement usually comes from within the movement, or from men who for a period have given it their enthusiastic support, says a writer in The London Times. Mr. Shaw Desmond was a member of the labor party for 14 years, and stood as an independent Socialist against Mr. John Burns in the general election of 1910. He has now written a book, "Labor, the Giant With the Feet of Clay," in which he describes the movement as split from top to bottom by fundamentally opposed ideals, tactics and objectives.

Of the British Labor party, Mr. Desmond writes that its rise to power has been meteoric, but "couets sometimes have the property of flashing brightly for a space and then fading again." The party, he contends, is becoming a voting machine. A strike has been reached, fraught with fate, when "success, has cemented bureaucracy into one solid, unchangeable, and unyielding bureaucracy because in it the bureaucracy is not the leader but the led."

Mr. Desmond has something to say about the prudence and self-satisfaction of the labor leaders. Meeting Mr. Arthur Henderson, he observes on one page, "rather like interviewing the Pope."

The decline of the labor party began, he thinks, with the return of 23 labor members to Parliament in 1904. His sympathy with the British worker, "a sentimental, good-natured fellow, serving by heart," does not blind him to the limitations of the workers in the mass. The worker, he suggests, mistakes the passing of resolutions for "action."

The average trade unionist would cheerfully kill his grandmother by resolution and save his conscience afterwards by the satisfying reflection that the resolution to do away with the old had been passed by an "overwhelming majority." The probability, however, is that he would stop at passing the resolution and then do nothing.

Bolshevism Impossible

Mr. Desmond traces at some length the leaning towards "direct action," which was the outcome of the war, but is convinced that bolshevism will make no progress in this country. Before ten years have passed, he prophesies that in these islands bolshevism and direct action will be spoken of much as we speak today of the comet of last year. The dictatorship of the proletariat he denounces as an autocratic tyranny, but incidentally he declares his belief that Lenin, although he has reverted to a sort of state of capitalism, has not given up his idea of converting the world to his doctrines. "It may be taken as assured," he says, "that Lenin is only drawing back to spring when the time is ripe."

There is a chapter headed "If Labor Came Into Power." The plan of the engineers of the machine state, Mr. Desmond writes, is to win over the working man by the promise of more pay for less work, the capture of the municipalities and local governing bodies, and finally the winning for democracy of the parliaments of the world. From that moment the society visualized is one in which the labor leader will be supreme, a society in which everything will be decided by the holding up of hands, and in which inevitably the rights of the minority would be brought to the irreducible minimum. When the machine state has evolved, the bureaucrat will fast pass into the autocrat, imperiously entrenched behind his official bulwarks, and the end would be a dictatorship. That is one view. He also visualizes the folk's paradise of a parliament as imagined by the I.L.P., in which Mr. George Lansbury, "who thinks he is a bolshevik," Mr. Arthur Henderson, "the benevolent Radical who thinks he has 'got religion,'" Mr. Philip Snowden, Mr. G. H. Roberts, M.P., Rev. Conrad Noel, and "Heaven alone knows what other Notman and Notman thrown up by the movement," will sit together in brotherly harmony.

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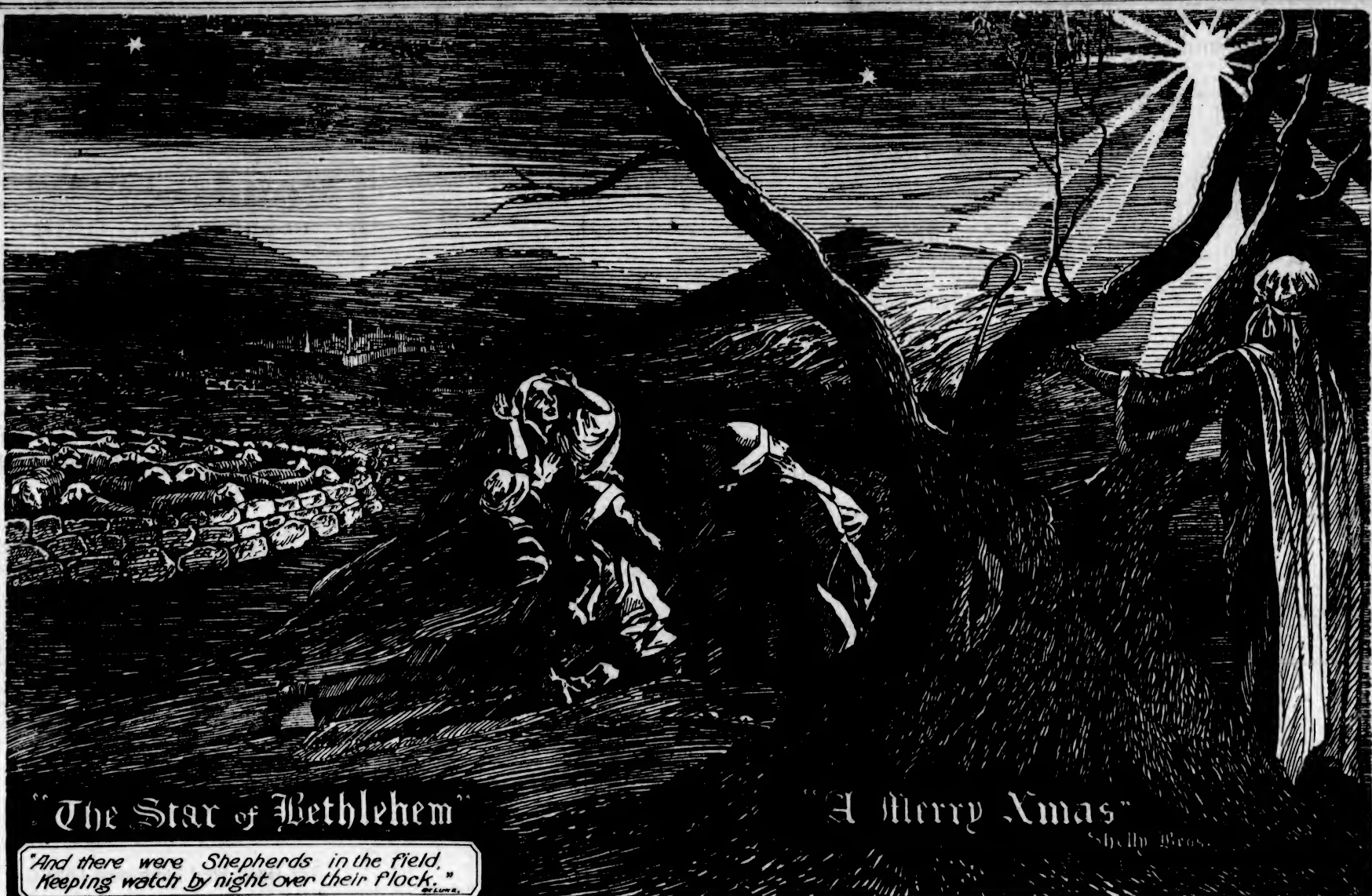
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CHAPTER XXIII

When Eleanor entered her cheerless room she found it in entire darkness. Ellen Chelwell had not returned. Switching on the light, she looked at the door. What if Wakeham should follow her?

Presently, as no one came, and the silence of the night had fallen upon that part of London, she felt more calm and collected. She was able to think and to understand what had happened.

(Oh, the horror of it all! The brutal, naked horror! She felt she had become years older in a day. A hundred things which had been mysteries were explained, and the explanation was ghastly beyond words.)

What should she have done if Rod Ravenscroft had not appeared? It was only a chance in a thousand that he was passing there at that moment. Supposing he had not seen her, recognized her?

She shuddered at the thought of it. And what must he think? He had heard what those men had said, every word of which burned like fire into her brain. His must despise her. He must think her—

Then the secret of her life became plain to her in a second. Without warning, and seemingly without reason, her whole nature was revolutionized in a moment. She, who had laughed at the thought of love, knew that for weak or for wise, she loved the man who had rescued her that night.

She felt as though she were going mad. Horrible as had been her previous experiences, they were as nothing to this. Suddenly it had come to her that Rod Ravenscroft was all the world to her, come to her, she loved the man who had rescued her that night.

She could not understand it at all. Hitherto she had been a pleasant fellow, but utterly old-fashioned and conventional. On one or two occasions before her father came home, she had gone with him to places of amusement with her mother's consent and approval. More than once, too, she had had an idea that she was fond of him. But as for caring for him, the thought had never seriously appeared to her. For that matter, she had resented herself as incapable of love, and had felt kind of contempt for girls who would sacrifice the liberties and privileges of girlhood to become the wife of any man. And now everything had changed. It seemed to her as though some new part of her being had been called into life, and that everything else in her past was submerged in this new wonderful passion which possessed her. She did not know whether she admired him or not. She had a feeling that he was strong and chivalrous and that he suggested safety and confidence, but somehow these things did not seem to matter. He was the only man in the world for her, and all her past dreams seemed like so much mockery. Her heart went out to him in its entirety. All the wealth of her being was given to him. He was her king, her all. She would brave anything for him, do anything to serve him.

If—? But no, it was too late now. She had made everything impossible by her own actions.

What did he think of her? Her mind swept back over the events of the evening. She saw herself accepting Wakeham's invitation

and going with him to the tawdry music hall. She remembered his coarse, vulgar laugh, and his still coarser remarks which she had listened to, and not rebuffed. And then there was the horror of the night club afterwards. She had found herself in a place which was the resort of low women and worse men. It was true many so-called society women went to such places. They went there "to see life," as they termed it, but she found no comfort in the thought. The horror of that hour haunted her. She remembered the coarse girls who came and greeted her so familiarly, called to mind their painted lips and cheeks, their coarse laughter, their silly vulgar chatter. And she had been there among them. She had allowed herself to be accompanied by a man who was a member of the club. Perhaps by this time the police had taken possession of it, while the names of those who had been there would on the following day be published to the world. From what had she escaped?

But that was not the worst of it. It was the hour which followed. Wakeham had spoken to her as though she were a thing to be bought and sold. He had made suggestions which made her wish that the earth would swallow her up; she felt demoralized, horror-stricken.

This then, was the actual outcome, the grim and ghastly logic of Tamsin Cory's so-called advanced views. She felt that her womanhood was being smothered at the thought of it.

Then she recalled that other scene, when, after a mad struggle, she had managed to get into the street, and had fled from what now appeared to her in its ghastly nakedness the thought of the drunken men who had spoken to her, of the words they had said to her—and then came Rod Ravenscroft.

How wise her father had been! How kind! And she had spurned his kindness. Oh, if he would only come to her now and speak to her as he had spoken to her months before.

And then there was Peg. She had aided and abetted her in her mad determination to marry Barnes. She was largely responsible for the tragedy of it all, for it was treachery. For the first time she saw things as they really were. She saw Barnes as he really was, a low-bred, vulgar, out-of-control, a man who was common to the finger-tips. And she had half encouraged Peg in her mad infatuation for him. If what his sister said was true, Peg's whole life might be ruined, and she, because of the attitude she had taken, was largely responsible for it.

Hour after hour, heedless of the passing time, she sat thinking. The night was wonderfully still; London was asleep. Presently she looked at her watch. It had stopped. Then she heard one of the city clocks striking. It was three in the morning.

Why had not Ellen Chelwell come? Where was she? She remembered the conversation which passed between them before she went out. She called to mind what Ellen had said.

Then the meaning of it all became plain, ghastly plain. She shuddered, and hid her head in shame. This was what those conceptions of marriage really meant. This was the outcome of discarding the old religious beliefs in which she had been reared. And but for what seemed like a miracle she—she—

At length tired brain and body could bear no more. She threw herself on her bed and fell into a troubled sleep. When morning came she awoke with a great weight on her heart. Something horrible had happened. At first she could not tell what, but presently it all flashed back to her. But she was less excited now, and could think of things more calmly. She realized that she had her future to face, and she must think what to do. She counted her money carefully, and as she did so, the gray drabness of her prospects rose before her again.

First of all, she determined not to go back to Spoke and Burnham. After what had happened the night before it was impossible. She simply could not sit in the same room with a man who had insulted her pride, insulted her womanhood—the very thought of it made a flush of shame rush madly to her cheeks. She would starve rather than live in the poison of that man's presence!

Neither would she go home. That was as impossible as the other. How could she? She called to mind what had passed between her and her father. Remembered, too, what she had constantly said to her mother, for Eleanor Trelawney's pride was un conquered. All sorts of questions would be asked her, and she—No, she simply could not. She had left home because she was tired of her own life, and although she felt she had been a failure, a miserable failure, she could not go back humbled and penniless.

But what could she do? It was true she might be able to find a position in the city, but any respectable employer would want references. If she mentioned Spoke and Burnham, they would naturally refer the matter to Wakeham, and she felt sure of what Wakeham would say. Besides, she could not, she simply could not be beholden to that man.

But she must find work, else she would starve. She remembered the Russian who had offered her—whether seriously or not she was not sure—a post in some organization which existed for the purpose of Bolshevik propaganda. He had mentioned a good salary, too, but her heart gave no response to the suggestion. These people did not stand for law and order, and decency. These Bolsheviks not only scouted the idea of God, but of all Christian morals. She remembered a sentence which this man had said to her: "Religion is a sort of opiate and opiate are always bad. Religion has no place in the life of a thoughtful man."

She could not help thinking of her father at this moment. He had given his life to the establishment of order and decency. Now, then, could she work for that which he had offered his life to avert?

That was the question which haunted her with grim persistence. A few minutes later she sat down to her lonely breakfast. Outside the church bells were ringing, calling people to worship, but she had no thought of worship; her mind was too filled with the drab persistence of sorrowful facts.

Almost mechanically she washed the "color" brush, utterly that she had been using and then stood still. "I'll go and see Peg," she said. "I've neglected her."

She was at the point of putting on her hat and jacket when she heard a step outside her door. Then some one knocked.

But she was not afraid now; daylight gave her confidence, and a score of people were within call.

The knock was repeated. Her heart beat wildly, why she could not tell, but she went to the door and opened it, and saw Rod Ravenscroft. Instantly her face was suffused with a flush of shame. She called to mind their meeting on the previous night, remembered what had taken place. Then pride came to her aid. Not for worlds would she let him see, or even suspect, what she felt towards him.

"Good morning, Miss Trelawney. You'll forgive my calling, won't you? But I thought you looked ill last night."

"You are very kind," she replied quietly. "Won't you come in?"

He entered the room, hesitatingly, awkwardly. He, too, remembering the previous night's experience, and felt sensitive. As a consequence he tried to find something to say in order to explain his presence, but nothing came. He was but a simple-hearted fellow, in spite of a brilliant university career, and he was not an adept in talking with girls. Besides, the circumstances were peculiar.

By this time Eleanor had been able to obtain control over herself. Somehow, why she could not say, she had given her a sense of confidence.

"Won't you sit down, Mr. Ravenscroft? And will you please excuse me while I get the room into something like order?—I—I did not expect a visitor."

She was glad she was able to speak calmly. Not for worlds would she let him know what she felt. Last night she had been mad with fear and terror, and as a consequence she felt bluish, penniless, but now the old fighting spirit had come back again.

She loved him beyond words, but she would do anything rather than let him know it.

For a few minutes they talked on trivial matters, and never once did he refer to the predicament in which he had found her, but Eleanor knew what he was thinking, and while she dreaded explanations, she longed to stand well in his eyes. But how could she explain away what he had seen at Spoke and Burnham?

"Have you been to Dulce lately?" she asked at length.

Dulce was the name of the parish in Cornwall where the original Trelawney mansion was situated, and this had perhaps led General Trelawney to give his house at Hampstead that name.

"No, not for two or three weeks," he replied, "but I sometimes call. You see, John is a great friend of mine."

"He has not been there this morning?"

"He shook his head. 'No, Miss Trelawney.'"

"I suppose you have been wondering at the predicament in which you saw me last night," she stammered.

"I'm very glad it happened to be passing," was his reply. "I had been spending the evening with some of my friends. We met at the chambers of Dick Fanceo, and I had not left them more than a few minutes before I—I saw you. I was afraid you were in trouble."

Her face crimsoned with shame. She longed to let him know the truth, but she could not. Her mind was torn by conflicting influences.

"I suppose you feel it your duty to inform them at Dulce of what you saw?" she blurted out presently, and she was angry with herself the moment the words had passed her lips.

"I don't think I deserve that, Miss Trelawney."

"Come now, confess," she tried to speak lightly, "haven't you felt all the morning that you ought to go to General Trelawney and tell him that you saw his daughter under the most

distressing circumstances, and that but for your something terrible might have happened to her?"

"And if I did?" he flashed back, "wouldn't it have been natural? Yes, I will be quite frank and candid with you; I will take the liberty of an old friend—I will even go farther than that—I will take the liberty of one who, a few months ago, dared to hope great things. But, of course, that has all gone now."

She misunderstood his meaning, and a kind of despair came into her heart which was mingled with an unreasoning anger.

"And why have you come here this morning?"

"I came—I hardly know why. I came, I think, because I wanted to help you."

"Why should you want to help me?"

"Because you need help. I am sure of that."

"Yes," she laughed. "I do need help. I need help in getting a position. I have lost my place." Her voice was hard and bitter.

"Come, Miss Trelawney," pleaded Ravenscroft, "isn't it foolish to talk like that? I'm sure your father and mother are longing for you to come home."

"My mother may be, but my father—"

"Yes, your father," repeated Ravenscroft. "I suppose you'll think me a prig, and be angry at what seems like bad taste in speaking, but I cannot help it. If your father saw what I saw last night, it would break his heart."

She laughed defiantly. "My father cares nothing for me," she cried. "He tried to treat me as though I were a child, as though I had no mind of my own, as though I were a little pet dog led by a string."

"No," said Ravenscroft, "that's false. I have never talked with your father about your reasons for leaving home, but I know you're not speaking the truth. Of course, it's not my business, but I tell you plainly I think your behavior damnable."

"What behavior?" she flashed back.

"Your behavior in leaving your home as you did."

"What do you know about it?" Eleanor had become utterly defiant and regardless of consequences. She was more than angry with herself at adopting this attitude, but she wanted to defy Ravenscroft, wanted, in spite of the fact that her heart was even now yearning for him, to assert her independence, and to fling back the accusations which she felt hung upon his lips. A score of conflicting passions surged in her heart. Love, anger, tenderness, defiance, shame, pride, eagerness to explain, yet a determination never to yield an inch all worked within her.

"What I did, I did after due consideration," she asserted hotly. "My father would not allow me to choose my own friends. He arrogated to himself the right of deciding who my friends should be, where I should go, and where I should not go; as though a girl of my individuality will allow herself to be dictated to in that way."

"Do you permit me to speak freely, Miss Trelawney?" asked Ravenscroft. "Yes, speak," she laughed defiantly. "Then I tell you this. I think your father was right in insisting on what he did. No girl, if she cares for her own self-respect, should come home in the early hours of the morning and refuse to let her parents know where she has been. No father with right feeling would allow it. And you did these things, Miss Trelawney, and then because your father insisted your obedience to his will, you aided and abetted your sister in making a bad matter worse, and left home."

"What right have you to say this to me?" and her voice was husky with passion.

"The right you gave me a minute ago," he replied. "But that is not all. I have the right of one who once loved you, who, months ago, idolized you, and who would have given his life to serve you. I know now that my love was hopeless, but I cannot help caring for your welfare. And I say this, Miss Trelawney, you are leading a dangerous life."

"What do you know about my life?" she asked.

"What I saw last night."

"And because of that you came here to insult me?"

"No," he replied, "I came as one wishing you well. I came to ask you not to allow yourself to throw away your life."

"And because you rendered me a service you claim the right to—disparage my future, I suppose. In her mad anger she scarcely knew what words were passing her lips. "I tell you this, Mr. Ravenscroft, I am fully able to take care of myself, and I could, if I felt so disposed, explain everything you saw last night, even to your satisfaction. But I don't feel so disposed, because you have not the right to know."

"Few girls in London are able to take care of themselves," was his reply. "Especially when they are as beautiful as you are. If I had a sister I would rather see her go into a house infected with smallpox than to see her living among such companionships as you have chosen."

"What do you know about my companionships?"

"I know the opinion of Miss Tamsin Cory holds. I have heard about Miss Chelwell, who occupies these rooms with you. I know men who know Miss Jeffreys and her friends, and Mrs. Gracechurch, who was divorced only a few months ago."

"How do you know these things?"

"Because I have made it my business to find out. And his voice was as defiant as hers. "If a woman lives in infectious houses, Miss Trelawney, the likelihood is that she will catch the disease. But I did not come here to quarrel with you. I came here because I could not help it, and there was a catch in his voice as he uttered the last words.

She looked at him quickly, searchingly. There was something in his tones that made her heart throb madly. Again her anger died down, and a great longing came into her heart to defend, to justify herself, to prove to him that she was not what she imagined in her terror he thought she was.

"I know you're thinking about what you saw last night," she then said. "Let me tell you this, then, although the circumstances were—yes, horrible, my mother has no reason to blush for me. I went—where I did—to obtain a post. The rest was—hideous."

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"I never thought of you," she said. "I know, but as far as I am concerned, you saw the worst." She half stammered, half sobbed the words that came from her with difficulty, and she could not help a feeling of joy as she saw the changed look in his eyes.

"Miss Trelawney," he said quietly. "I never thought of you."

"I know, but I couldn't. But will you not go back to your father?"

"No," she replied obstinately. She was afraid she had said too much, and yet she did not know wherein she had made a mistake. Her pride was surging back again now, and with that pride a sense of defiance. "I know what my father thinks of me, and I will not go back like a prodigal child, even though he might kill the fatted calf for me." And she laughed bitterly.

"All I want, Mr. Ravenscroft," she

went on, "is the means to live my own life."

"Then you are leaving Spoke and Burnham?"

"How did you know?"

"I am trying to put two and two together," was his answer. "They are cutting down expenses," replied Eleanor, "and as a consequence some of their staff are being discharged."

"That's not true," replied Ravenscroft. "I know young Spoke very well. It's one of the most prosperous firms in the city, and there is no thought of cutting down expenses."

"Then—then," but she did not say more. The truth flashed across her mind. "I have to leave there, any how. I must—I could not go back."

Again she noticed the peculiar flash of his eyes. She felt that he knew more than he said.

He rose to his feet. "I cannot persuade you to go back to your home, then?" he said.

"She shook her head.

"May I tell your father and mother that I have seen you?"

"No, I hope you'll tell them nothing."

"Nothing."

"No, nothing."

He held out his hand to her. "Good morning, Miss Trelawney," he said. "I hope you'll forgive my coming. And, of course, I'd no right to speak to you as I did. Will you forgive me?"

Her eyes were drawn to his as he spoke, and something overmastered her, she knew not what. She felt that tears were welling up, that her lips were trembling. He held her hand in his.

"Will you not tell me that you forgive me?" he said.

"Oo—oo please go!" she sobbed.

He stood looking at her for a few seconds as if undecided what to do. Then with a sigh he opened the door and passed out, while she continued to sob as though her heart would break.

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